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WITH \$3B IN PIPELINE

## 'Now is time to invest on Tinian'

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With an estimated \$3 billion in military and civilian infrastructure development going down on Tinian related to the

divert airfield, Philip Mendiola-Long is inviting Saipan businesses to join the gold rush of expected projects on the island.

Speaking before yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Crowne

Plaza Resort, the Tinian Chamber of Commerce president said Saipan's sister island

has a slew of immediate needs to accommodate the military  
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By TED ANTHONY  
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In the currency of today's attention economy, Donald Trump is the world's richest man.  
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#### DREAM CAR CONTEST WINNERS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The winners of the local 2023 Toyota Dream Car Art Contest pose with Atkins Kroll Saipan sales manager Kevin Barnes in front of the wall that displays their winning artwork. *Story on Page 3*



## P-EBT distribution on Saipan in April

### SELLING THE MARIANAS

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios spoke last Wednesday to about 120 Japan-based travel agents, travel media, and travel organization representatives through a presentation that promoted the CNMI as a destination for Japanese tourists. "We are encouraged to see the growing opportunity for partnership with our Japanese partners as the Japanese public begins to travel internationally again," Palacios said during his presentation. He was joined by Marianas Visitors Authority representatives, who also talked about recent updates and destination enhancement projects that would appeal to prospective visitors. Palacios is in Japan this week with MVA officials to meet with high-level government officials, airline partners, and travel industry representatives to strengthen partnerships and to help expand the Japan tourism market to the CNMI."

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Nutrition Assistance Program, in conjunction with the Public School System's Child Nutrition Program, announced yesterday the distribution of Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, or P-EBT, claims or attestation by parents or guardians of students who

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## Over \$47M allocated for water infrastructure upgrades in Pacific

» New funding will help ensure communities have access to clean and safe drinking water

SAN FRANCISCO—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced yesterday \$47,859,000 that will be awarded to American

Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands for essential drinking water infrastructure upgrades through the Drinking Water

State Revolving Fund. Thanks to a \$6 billion boost from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure  
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# Local

## Ex-BMV director granted court-appointed lawyer

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI has determined that Juana DeLeon Guerrero, the former director of the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles, is entitled to a court-appointed counsel because she is unable to fully pay for one out of her own pocket.

Following her disclosure to the court last week that she is no longer employed with DPS, Chief Judge Ramona V.

Manglona issued yesterday a five-page order granting DeLeon Guerrero a court-appointed counsel.

Because of this decision, DeLeon Guerrero is able to retain Robert Torres as her lawyer in the license fraud case filed against her.

However, as a condition, Manglona ordered DeLeon Guerrero to pay a lump sum of \$1,500 to help with costs incurred throughout the proceedings as her financial records did not indicate that she is indigent.

"Based on defendant's second financial affidavit, the court finds that defendant's current financial resources and lack of income are insufficient for defendant to pay for both qualified counsel and life's necessities. To be clear, to obtain court-appointed counsel, defendant has the burden to show that she is unable to afford to pay for a lawyer, not that she is indigent," said Manglona.

"Here, the court finds that defendant has some financial resources that are not readily

liquid, and given the imminent jury trial date set for May 23, 2023 under the Speedy Trial Act, the court errs on the side of appointing counsel. Nevertheless, the court also finds that defendant is capable of partially paying the costs of adequate counsel in the amount of \$1,500," the judge added.

Manglona also stated that DeLeon Guerrero's eligibility for a court-appointed lawyer may be reconsidered should new financial information arise.

"...The court may reconsider her eligibility for appointment of counsel during the entirety of this case in the event any new information is discovered," Manglona said.

In issuing her order, Manglona vacated the status conference on April 19, to discuss DeLeon Guerrero's updated financial records.

During her initial appearance and arraignment last March, DeLeon Guerrero, Torres, pleaded not guilty to one count of conspiring with others to unlawfully produce an

identification document.

During the hearing, DeLeon Guerrero was found non-indigent, which means she is financially capable of hiring her own lawyer.

Back in March, assistant U.S. attorney Albert Flores Jr. indicted DeLeon Guerrero on a charge of conspiring with others to unlawfully produce an identification document.

According to the indictment, DeLeon Guerrero conspired with Li Yongde, also known as Ivan, from about Sept. 1, 2021, through about Oct. 31, 2022, to unlawfully produce a CNMI driver's license.

## 'Casino industry has key role in revitalizing tourism'

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The CNMI's casino gaming industry has a significant role to play in revitalizing and sustaining CNMI's primary industry—tourism—but the gaming industry cannot succeed nor operate without the presence of the Commonwealth Casino Commission, which regulates it.

That's according to CCC board chair Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero, who highlighted

the importance of the casino industry in the commission's request for \$3.16 million to be used for personnel, operations, and other related costs, for fiscal year 2024.

CCC is also asking for 51 full-time employees, which is the same number of positions the CCC had in previous appropriations.

DeLeon Guerrero submitted CCC's fiscal year 2024 budget request to the

Legislature last March 30, shortly after the CCC board unanimously approved the request during their meeting that day.



DeLeon Guerrero

DeLeon Guerrero said the casino industry offers the CNMI a great opportunity to general additional source of revenue that will enable the CNMI to satisfy its financial obligations.

He said with the loss of American Rescue Plan Act

funds, the CNMI needs every available revenue-generating activity to generate additional funds to allow the government to continue delivery of vital public services.

As the enforcement and regulatory entity for the Saipan gaming industry, the CCC will need \$3,167,501 to enable it to implement its mandates, DeLeon Guerrero said.

Of this amount, he said, they are asking for \$1 from the government's local general fund pursuant to the Of-

fice of Management and Budget's instructions to maintain CCC's local funding at the fiscal year 2023 funding level and \$3,167,500 from the CCC regulatory fee fund.

Public Law 19-24 authorized the assessment of \$3 million on the exclusive casino licensee, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, as part of the CCC regulatory fee fund, with the \$3 million due on or before Oct. 1 of each year beginning Oct. 1, 2015. However, IPI now owes CCC over \$55.4 million after having failed to pay the \$15.5 million annual license fee and

\$3.1 million annual regulatory fee since 2020, DeLeon Guerrero said.

He said the commission's budget is based on the \$3,150,000 CCC regulatory fee plus the \$17,500 from the other regulatory fees already collected and \$1 request from local appropriations.

The chairman said the commission recently lost its entire staffing due to IPI's nonpayment of the regulatory fees.

He said funding from the budget request will be used to hire staff and to provide the necessary training and operational resources.

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## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Bella, Caramel, and Daisy



From left, Bella, Caramel, and Daisy.

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These adorable female puppies from the same litter are in need of a loving and caring home. At just about 8 weeks old, they are playful, friendly, and would make the best of pets. They all have cute distinct markings and floppy ears.

Currently, the shelter has an influx of puppies and these three sisters are the youngest ones there.

If you're interested in adopting this dynamic trio,

please don't hesitate to contact the Saipan Mayor's Office Animal Shelter in As Perdido for more information. They are wonderful puppies who would make great additions to any family!

Shelter hours are from Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. Contact them at (670)-234-3647 (DOGS). You can also make your way to the shelter to check out more dogs available for adoption!

Saipan Tribune is partnering with Lauren Cabrera, founder of the Saipan Humane Society, in collaboration with the Saipan Mayor's Office Animal Shelter in As Perdido, to feature their adoptable dogs into loving homes. Whether you are looking for a guard dog, lap dog, hiking buddy, or playful puppy, they most likely have the dog for you!

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## 9 named local winners of Toyota Dream Car contest

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Nine youngsters were named the winners of the local leg of the 2023 Toyota Dream Car Art Contest last Saturday, with the top winners of the three categories moving on to the global level, where their artwork—representing their idea of a futuristic car—will compete with other young artists across the globe.

In the 8-year-old-and-under category, Ya'rlis Doram's submarine car won first place, Ai Nonogaki's ecology dream car took sec-

ond place and Sunyul Park's meow car landed in third.

In the 8-to-11-year-old division, in first place was Lydia

Xian's music timecar, while Aileen Kim's "My Memory Car" took second prize, and En Mei Huang's "The Inven-

tion of the Future" took third.

Eunho Park's earth saving car won first place in the 12-to-15 category, with Alyssa

Kim's "World in Toyota" coming in second and Yu Rong Jiang's "Astro-Cityz" in third.

According to Atkins Kroll

Saipan, the artwork and concepts of these nine individuals will now proceed to the Inter-

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## Court finds search of man's car to be lawful

The Superior Court has denied the motion to suppress the evidence that was found following the search done on a vehicle of a man who is being accused of stealing firearms from the Tinian shooting range last year.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja has denied the motion to suppress evidence in the case of Dennis Sanchez Reyes, saying the warrantless inventory search of Sanchez's government vehicle was lawful, pursuant to CNMI law.

"The evidence obtained from the search performed need not be suppressed," the judge stated.

As to Reyes' statements to police in September 2022, Naraja concluded that officers did not coerce the defendant.

"The totality of the circumstances shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that defendant was cognizant and capable of making a voluntary, knowing, and intelligent waiver of his rights. The court finds no evidence that the officers threatened defendant, used harsh language, or coerced him in any way," said Naraja.

Reyes, 35, has been charged with nine counts of possession of an illegal firearm, two counts of failing to possess a firearm owner's registration card, two counts of prohibited sale and transfer of a firearm, and one count of unlawful possession of ammunition. He was allegedly caught selling firearms from a private Tinian shooting range that he had allegedly burglarized. (Kimberly B. Esmores)



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## Power outages in Isley Field, San Vicente, Lower Base

There will be a scheduled power service interruption for the area(s) listed below:

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023,** for the Isley Field (Airport) area

- **Time:** 9am to 10am
- **Area(s) affected:** AARE, Saipan Skydive, Airport Radio Tower, POI (see attached map)
- **Purpose:** For the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to perform system improvements on Continental Road for the backup Power Plant 3
- **Water well(s) affected:** IF-1, IF-3, and IF-5-IF8; IF11, IF12, IF-16, IF18-IF24; IF-28, IF-101, IF-102, IF-105, IF-106, IF-108; IF-201, IF-208, IF-211, IF-217, IF-220, IF Booster-2
- Water Services to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, As Terlaje Tank Service Area, Kannat Tabla

TSA, and Dandan TSA may be affected based on the water tank levels.

- **Wastewater facility affected:** None
- **Traffic light(s):** None

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023,** for San Vicente

- Time:** 8:30am to 1:30 pm
- **Area(s) affected:** Katbon Road, Shoko Drive, Baranda Lane, Gulek Lane, Gadde Drive, Latte Lane, Metati Place, Monitor Place, and Lommok Place
- **Purpose:** For the line crew to pull primary lines and to straighten a leaning concrete pole
- **Water well(s) affected:** None
- **Wastewater facility affected:** None
- **Traffic light(s):** None

**Thursday, April 13, 2023,** for

- Lower Base**
- **Time:** 7:30am to 1:30pm
- **Area(s) affected:** CUC Warehouse, Power Plant 1 and COTA
- **Purpose:** For the line crew to relocate and replace transformer, and an ABS switch, to replace a power pole, and install primary lines.
- **Time:** 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
- **Area(s) affected:** Feeder 7 (Lower Base, Tanapag, As Mahetog, Achugao, San Roque, As Matuis, and Marpi)
- This one-hour outage will only happen as the line crew will be doing some switching to isolate the power for the project site in Lower Base
- **Water well(s) affected:** MQ-1, MQ-3B, MQ-5, MQ-8, MQ-10, MQ-11B, MQ-13, MQ-14, MQ-15, & MQ-16
- **Wastewater facility affected:**

## TRUMP

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raignment in New York was an out-of-court Exhibit A. In returning to the no-business-like-show-business metropolis that propelled him to tabloid-fodder fame so many years ago, the former president also returned to the very stage where he thrives the most. As he did so, even in an atypically sedate manner, he demonstrated the peculiar way he encounters the world—as luminary and aggrieved party rolled into one.

Love him? Hate him? Don’t care? Doesn’t matter. Just like during his presidency, he commands notice. Still. Thousands of New York City police officers, the U.S. Secret Ser-

vice and swarms of journalists deployed across lower Manhattan can all attest to that.

It was a procedural court appearance, the low rung of drama in a criminal case, but it was a full-on spectacle. And calling it that, assessing it in that way, does not diminish it—not in today’s world, where spectacle and all its byproducts drive the attention economy and the cultural conversation.

There was something about Tuesday, and about the five days that preceded it, that was somehow both familiar and deeply abnormal.

For the most part, Americans had left behind the all-Trump, all the time ethos that governed our days between 2016 and, say, mid-2021. So that Trump-flavored

thrum that has prevailed since news of the indictment emerged Thursday was hardly new. Familiar, too, was the uneasy collision of exhibition with seriousness, of the mannered machinations of government with the anything-goes rhetoric of reality-TV-inflected, 21st-century populism.

Just as during the Trump presidency, you saw the monuments that Americans build to reassure themselves that their effort to administer a democratic republic is a Very Serious Endeavor. Before, it was the Washington edifices of the executive and legislative branches; on Tuesday it unfolded in a courthouse made of heavy masonry erected into the imposing architecture that enshrines the rule of law.

## PACIFIC

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Law, EPA is increasing the investments available to rebuild the nation’s water infrastructure.

“Every community deserves access to safe, clean drinking water,” said EPA administrator Michael S. Regan. “Thanks to President Biden’s historic infrastructure investments in America, we have an unprecedented opportunity to revitalize America’s drinking water systems, support the Biden-Harris Administration’s goal of removing 100% of lead pipes across our country, and protect communities from PFAS pollution.”

“Providing technical assistance is

critical to ensuring that all Americans, especially in tribal and disadvantaged communities, develop water infrastructure projects that meet their drinking water and wastewater needs” said EPA Pacific Southwest regional administrator Martha Guzman. “These funds will enable more communities to access technical assistance, modernize their drinking water infrastructure, and ensure safe drinking water for generations to come.”

The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to strengthening the nation’s water infrastructure, while providing significant resources to address key challenges, including climate change, emerging contaminants like per- and poly-fluoroalkyl

substances, and cybersecurity.

The DWSRF allotments to states are based on the results of EPA’s 7th Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment. The survey, which is required by the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act, assesses the nation’s public water systems’ infrastructure needs every four years and the findings are used to allocate DWSRF grants to states. The drinking water utilities need \$625 billion in infrastructure investments over the next 20 years to ensure the nation’s public health, security, and economic well-being.

## INVEST

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buildup on Tinian.

These include requirements on fully furnished AirBNB-style housing for 3-5 years, new hotels, heavy equipment and van, truck, and car rentals, warehouse development, commercial office space development/portable office rental, restaurants/food service, construction safety supply, night entertainment, and day activities like island tours and events.

There’s an urgent need for companies to introduce the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program on Tin-

ian, Mendiola-Long said.

In a follow-up interview after the Chamber meeting, Mendiola-Long said the \$3 billion military and civilian infrastructure development could even shoot up to as much as \$5 billion, depending on the results of the National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statement.

“[There’s] tremendous excitement. Tinian will be an entrepreneur’s Promised Land. If you choose to create businesses that support military installations and/or the construction phases of those installations, you will do very well.”

To this end, Mendiola-Long encour-

aged Chamber members to join the Tinian Chamber of Commerce to learn more about the planned multi-billion-dollar military projects on the island.

“The planning is still being hashed out by the military so all estimates are what they are—estimates—until finalized through the NEPA process.”

He added that, for the Tinian Divert Airfield alone, a contract of \$380 million is being bid out, with Black Micro Corp. the leading candidate as the Guam-based company already has a presence on the island.

T1, T3, SR1, SR2, SR3

- **Traffic light(s):** Lower Base (near Saipan Ice)

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## CNMI team meets with Japan defense minister

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The CNMI representatives who flew out to Japan this week in hopes of further expanding the Japan tourism market have met with the Japan Minister of Defense as well as different government agencies.

According to information from the Office of the Governor, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, select Cabinet officials, and Marianas Visitors Authority officials have had high level meetings with Japanese government agencies, airline executives, and travel representatives in the last three days.

MVA board chair Gloria Cavanagh briefly shared that the purpose of the three-day meetings is to help expand the Japan tourism market for

the CNMI.

One of the high-level meetings held over the course of their trip was a meeting with the Japan Minister of Defense Yasukazu Hamada, a Japanese politician who currently serves as the Minister of Defense of Japan since August 2022, previously serving from 2008 to 2009.

“The visit emphasizes the governor and lieutenant governor’s commitment to working with the Japanese government and travel partners to help increase the number of visitors from Japan to the CNMI,” said a statement from the Office of the Governor.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## P-EBT

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were absent when schools directed students to stay home for a COVID-related reason.

The P-EBT distribution on Saipan will be issued by the last name of the parents or guardians of the students based on the school record for SY 2021-2022.

The following is the schedule for P-EBT pick-up:

First Letter of Last Name	Date	Day
LAST NAME A-I	April 11, 2023	Tuesday
LAST NAME J-R	April 12, 2023	Wednesday
LAST NAME S-Z	April 13, 2023	Thursday
CLOSED	April 14, 2023	Friday
OPEN DAY	April 17 to June 30, 2023	

Benefits will be issued from 8am to 3pm daily during the scheduled dates of P-EBT Distribution. “Open Day” is the designated date for households that weren’t able to pick up their benefits based on their scheduled date.

Households are advised to follow the schedule accordingly. At the same time, this is to remind those parents and guardians that did not pick up the P-EBT in December 2022 to come and pick up their P-EBT. The last day to pick up the P-EBT benefit for December and the current attestation benefit is on June 30, 2023.

In order for a child to qualify for the attestation benefit, an attestation form must have been submitted between Dec. 17, 2022, and Jan. 17, 2023. No attestation form submitted, no benefit.

Identification will be required. Households will be required to provide valid photo identification such as a driver’s license, passport, municipal ID, U.S. permanent resident card, etc. The identity of the parent or legal guardian will be verified against the list of eligible households.

P-EBT benefits will be issued via drive-thru at the NAP office grounds = in As Lito. To ensure a smooth process, households will be required to follow the traffic flow for the drive-thru procedure.

The separate distribution schedule for Tinian and Rota will be facilitated by the DCCA offices on Tinian and Rota.

For inquiries regarding the P-EBT program call the P-EBT Call Center at 287-3063 or 3065. (PR)

## TOYOTA

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national Toyota Dream Car Art Contest in Japan.

All local winners were presented gift certificates as prizes. At the global level, the final winner receive \$5,000 in cash and the school they are from will receive \$10,000.

AK has hosted the local Toyota Dream Car Art Contest every year since 2004, making this year the 16th event.

AK’s sales manager Kevin Barnes said the competition has seen over eight million children from over 140 countries participate, but Saipan has already won before at the international level.

“It’s really cool because Saipan is such a small little island but we have

won twice in the past four years, which is remarkable,” he said.

Barnes shared that what determines the winner isn’t just great art, but about the individual’s unique concept and ideas, and the message presented.

“The great thing about this contest is it gives kids the chance to kind of...problem solve, think about what they feel is important to the future, what we are lacking now that can be addressed, and find creative ways to solve that problem,” said Barnes “This is a chance to use your imagination and your problem-solving skills and to do something creative.”

Since this is an annual competition, if young artists missed this year’s edition, they can now start thinking of what is important to them and how problems can be solved and submit it at the next event, Barnes added.

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## Calling all junior chefs in CNMI!

The Let's Move Marianas Initiative Committee announced yesterday the Junior Health Cooking Challenge, which is an opportunity for CNMI youth to showcase their culinary skills by creating healthy recipes that incorporate local fruits and vegetables. The challenge is open to all public and private school students in grades 1-5 on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Students may enter individually or as a team to create a healthy recipe featuring a local fruit or vegetable for a chance to win exciting prizes. In addition, recipes should include protein and carbohydrate components, no more than five ingredients (excluding spices), and no MSG (monosodium glutamate). Interested participants should submit their

entries through this Google form: [bit.ly/JHCCNMI](https://bit.ly/JHCCNMI). All entries must be submitted by Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Parents, guardians, and teachers are invited to encourage their students to participate in this exciting opportunity to have fun while practicing various cooking skills, learning about local produce, and making smart food choices.

The Junior Healthy Cooking Competition is one of several community activities by the Let's Move Marianas Initiative Committee, which is composed of partner organizations that include the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., CNMI Public School System, Northern Marianas College's Cooperative, Research, Extension, and Education Services,

Northern Marianas Technical Institute, Pacific Youth Ambassadors, and Pacific Islands Nutrition in Action.

Let's Move Marianas is a localized initiative that is working hard to set the stage for a healthier CNMI by engaging community stakeholders, fostering environments that support healthy choices, and providing opportunities for families in the CNMI to make the healthier choice, the easy choice.

For more information about the Junior Healthy Cooking Competition, check out the competition guidelines at: <https://bit.ly/JHCCNMIGuidelines> or contact the CHCC Non-Communicable Disease Programs at (670) 236-8711 or [bibamenu@gmail.com](mailto:bibamenu@gmail.com). (PR)



### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Transfer Station, Marpi Landfill closed on Friday

Both the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday. We will resume normal operations on Saturday, April 8, 2023. If you have any questions, call (670) 322-2760/45. (PR)

#### Friday is half-day at

#### Koblerville Community Center

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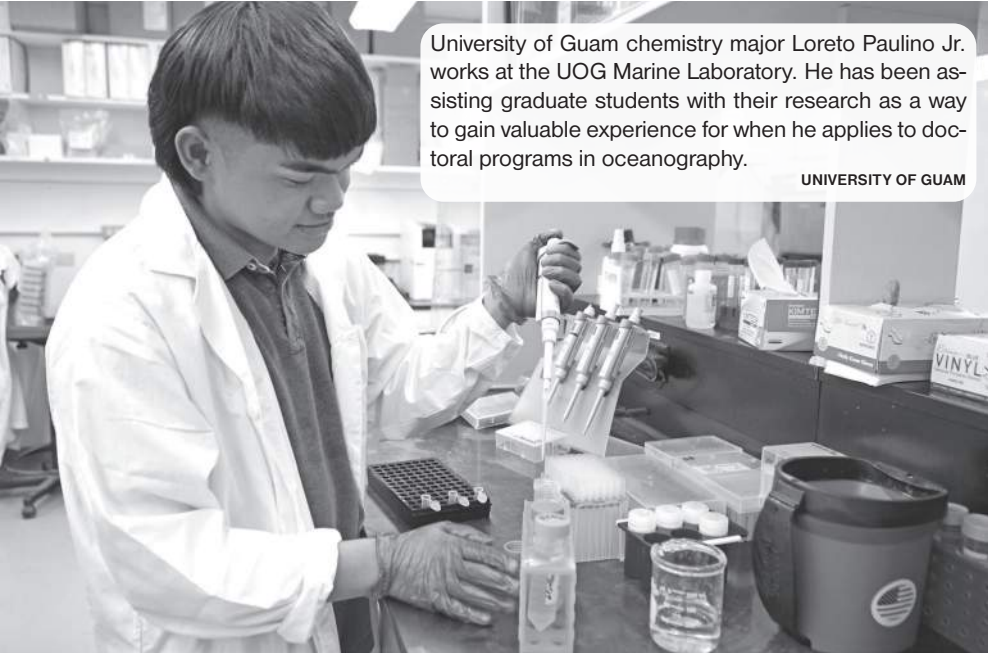
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# UOG student headed to Arctic to aid climate change research



University of Guam chemistry major Loreto Paulino Jr. works at the UOG Marine Laboratory. He has been assisting graduate students with their research as a way to gain valuable experience for when he applies to doctoral programs in oceanography.

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

This summer will be colder than usual for University of Guam student Loreto Paulino Jr., but it will also be unfor-

gettable. The UOG chemistry major will be looking for information on climate change while camping in an Arctic re-

gion of Alaska with no phone, no internet, and access only by small plane.

Paulino is one of 11 stu-

dents selected nationwide—and the first from UOG—to be on this year’s Polaris Project research team under the Woodwell Climate Research Center. The project describes its work, funded by the National Science Foundation since 2008, as investigating the fate of the vast quantities of ancient carbon locked in Arctic permafrost as it melts. It seeks to inform decision makers and the public about climate change and to train future Arctic researchers.

Paulino found out about the Polaris Project at the 2022 SACNAS Diversity in STEM Conference in Puerto Rico. He visited the booth for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution—one of his top picks for grad school—and met Dr. Nigel Golden, a post-doctoral researcher studying the response of Arctic species to climate change, who encouraged Paulino to apply for the Polaris Project.

uity, and inclusion relate to addressing climate change?

“I immediately thought of Guam and how unfair it is that the people living in this region, who will be hit the hardest by the effects of climate change, are not included in climate votes in the United States,” he said. “This exclusion highlights the urgent need to empower and include the most vulnerable communities in our efforts to tackle climate change.”

Paulino will head to Massachusetts in April for field safety training. He will then spend two weeks in July with the Polaris Project faculty and research staff doing intensive fieldwork in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta of Alaska. Each of the students will conduct their own research

project there and then spend another two weeks back at Woodwell Climate Research Center analyzing their data.

### Unexpected Alaskan experience

“Alaska is a place I never imagined I would go, but I am excited to explore its beautiful wildlife and scenery,” he said.

Paulino is pursuing a degree in chemistry and a minor in mathematics with the ultimate goal of obtaining a doctorate in chemical oceanography, a field that studies the composition of seawater and how it interacts chemically with the atmosphere and marine organisms. It’s a field he hopes more students from Guam will get into as well. *(UOG)*

# Saipan’s Leong is named 2022-23 RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar

ROCHESTER, NY—Giselle Ivy C. Leong of Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands has been named as an Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar for the 2022-2023 academic year at the Rochester Institute of Technology, joining more than 100 students on the list.

Leong is in the graphic design program.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**JVA No. 23 – 053**

**Opening Date: Friday, March 31, 2023**  
**Closing Date: Friday, April 14, 2023**

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	Project Manager (Grants)
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Executive Director/Grants Office
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
<b>ANNUAL SALARY:</b>	\$65,000.00 - \$85,000.00 per annum, Exempt
<b>CONTRACT:</b>	Contracted
<b>POSITION(S):</b>	One (1)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) is seeking for a qualified Project Manager. Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee the responsibilities will be as follows:

**Duties:**

- Manage employees by providing appropriate direction and ongoing feedback, delegating tasks, prioritizing work, and conducting performance reviews.
- Participate in monthly, taking notes and tracking action items.
- Lead weekly grant project meetings and provide updates on grant project status, next steps, and recommendations.
- Complete weekly project status briefings for the Executive Director
- Assist in the development of spreadsheets to track possible funding sources for clients.
- Identify any necessary research.
- Develop and manage deadline-based checklists based on funding solicitation requirements.
- Communicate effectively and respond to email in a timely fashion.
- Coordinate the communications schedule and set up client meetings.
- Hold grant writing team accountable for interim and final deadlines.
- Guide the grant writers in developing the necessary content for the grant application on time by answering questions, reviewing language, interpreting requirements, and advocating for their needs.
- Compile grant forms accurately and on time per funder requirements.
- Develop and format grant budgets, narratives, and other supporting application documents.
- Create templates for clients (letters, Memoranda of Understanding, etc.)
- Monitor all grant materials and request changes to ensure that they strictly adhere to funder requirements.
- Coordinate quality control checks and review all grant materials.
- Package and submit properly completed and timely grant applications per funders’ requirements.
- Consult with funder program officers as needed.
- Attend webinars and trainings and report findings back to the Executive Director
- Keep the team up-to-date on project progress, and report any delays in a timely fashion
- Ensure that all application documents are uploaded and filed on SharePoint upon completion.
- Assist in any post-award grant revisions and conduct debrief to share feedback on unfunded grants.
- Other tasks to support the grant writers, staff, and clients as necessary.
- Perform other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**Minimum Requirements:**

**Education:** Bachelor’s degree in business administration, Public Administration or directly related field and 6 years of grants related work experience and 3 years of management experience preferably in grants management; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above.

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## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### CUC-IFB-23-013

#### RELOCATION OF EXISTING 0.065 MG MODULAR TANK IN KAGMAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Relocation of Existing 0.065 MG Modular Tank in Kagman, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment and materials for the relocation of an existing water tank within San Vicente Water tank site to the existing Kagman booster pump station site. Work includes, but is not limited to disassembly and relocation of an existing 65,000-gallon modular fiberglass potable water tank; demolition and disposal of existing temporary tank plinth at San Vicente Tank site; construction of tank foundation; installation of relocated tank, piping and appurtenances; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

*This project is funded by a grant from the us Public Law 117-2 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).*

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **April 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**CUC-IFB-23-013, Relocation of the Existing 0.065 MG Modular Water Tank in Kagman**”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

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This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 19, 2023** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Alley Reyes, Project Engineer via email at alley.reyes@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Senior Administrative Technician via email at christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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### EDITORIAL

## Kids can't afford an extra day off

Considering how much ground U.S. students lost during the pandemic, it would seem self-evident that they should be spending more time in the classroom to catch up. Yet a growing number of school districts across the country are doing the opposite, by moving to a four-day school week. Advocates claim the change can help schools save money and attract and retain teachers. It's also bound to leave students even further behind.

The vast majority of students are still required to attend school Monday through Friday, but four-day weeks are gaining in popularity. As of last year, at least 1,600 public schools in 25 states had adopted four-day weeks, a sixfold increase since 1999. Prior to the pandemic, the practice was largely limited to rural areas, but has since spread to cities and suburbs, as schools have expanded remote learning and experimented with hybrid schedules.

Administrators in favor of the change cite several potential benefits. It could conceivably help districts save on transportation, food service and maintenance costs, thereby leaving more money for academics. It could also give students an added day to work, pursue internships or participate in nonschool extracurricular activities. At a time when districts across the U.S. report teacher shortages, a four-day week is seen as a way to make teaching more competitive with jobs that offer flexible work schedules.

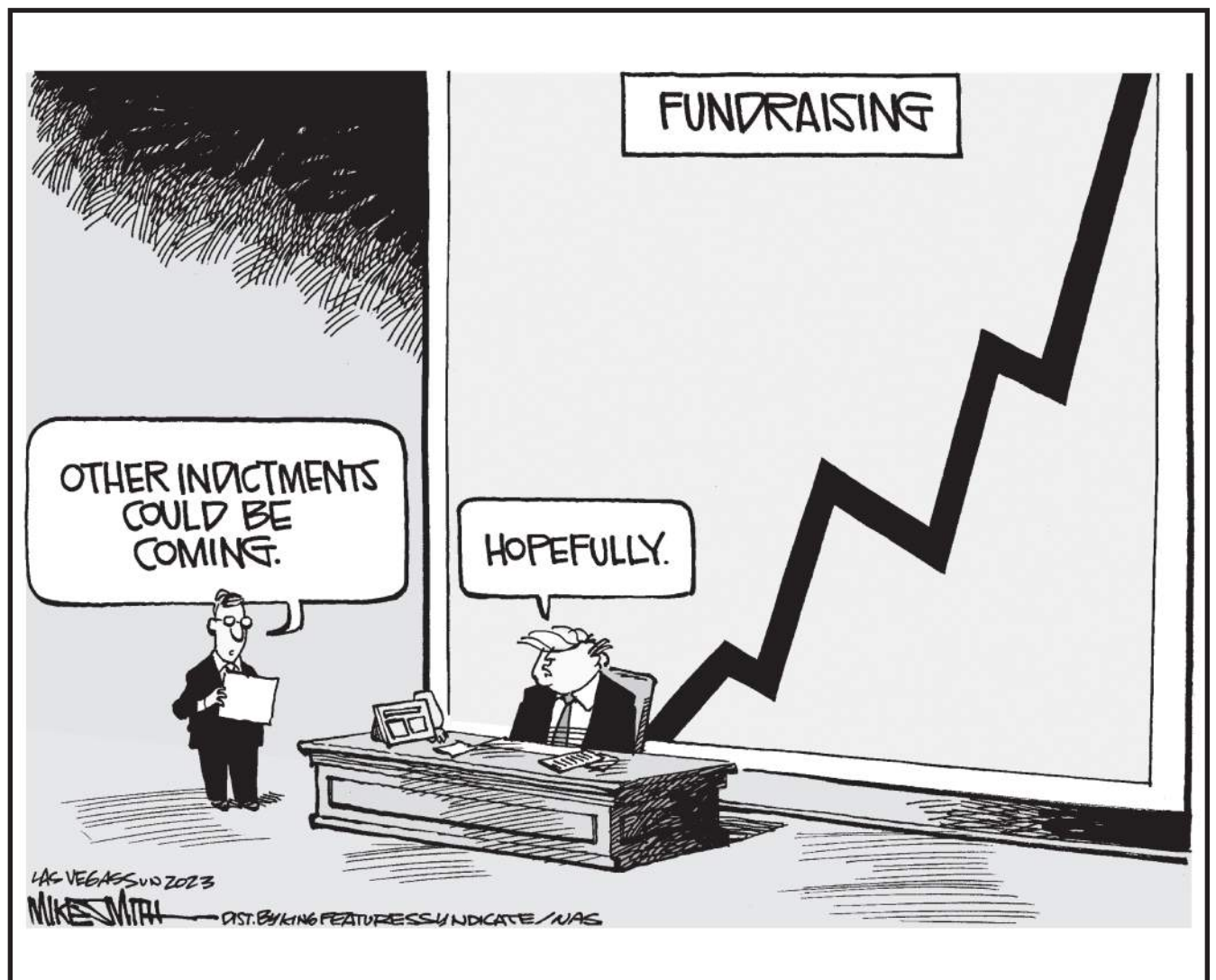
The trouble is that there's little evidence to support any of these hopes. Schools that take one day off typically compensate by having a longer school day, meaning teachers and staff keep roughly the same pay. As a result, the savings from a shorter week are minimal—between 0.4% and 2% of districts' annual budgets, according to one estimate. Although a four-day week appears to boost teachers' job satisfaction, a 2021 study found that its impact on recruiting and retention was "inconclusive." As for how students actually use their time off, more than 80% of seventh through 12th graders say they just stay at home.

It's not surprising that academic achievement suffers. Even with longer daily hours, students in four-day schools miss the equivalent of 12 extra school days in the classroom per year. Those losses compound over time, in part because students with regular three-day weekends are more likely to forget what they've learned the rest of the week. An analysis of more than 100 Oregon schools that have switched to four-day weeks found that declines in math and reading scores got worse the longer the policies were in place. Four-day weeks are also associated with higher levels of juvenile crime and lower maternal employment rates and earnings.

In short, the trend toward four-day weeks will only make it harder to recover the half-year in learning that students lost, on average, during the pandemic—leaving the country poorer, less competitive and more unequal.

In areas where four-day weeks offer some practical advantages—by reducing the amount of time students spend commuting, for instance—schools should use any money saved to expand virtual tutoring, work-based learning and summer-school programs.

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## I have a mental map of mass shootings. Will it ever stop filling up?

After a shooting that killed six people, including three 9-year-old kids, last Monday in Nashville, I found myself thinking about how we process the ever-growing list of mass gun murders.

For me, each mass shooting adds to the list of places near and far that I'll forever associate with the day someone, empowered by easy access to plentiful firearms, decided to kill.

I visualize them as pins on a mental map of the communities and locations across the U.S. that has been filling up my whole life. The familiar ones stick with me most: A shopping center I still drive by. A nearby school. A grocery store I went to growing up. These places become inescapable reminders of our leaders' decades-long acceptance of mass death, and the everyday terror of living in a country where your life could be cut short at any time, at any place, for any reason, by someone with a gun. How many of us have these coordinates accumulating in our minds?

I'm 38 and over my lifetime the number of mass shootings and their death toll have increased. They went from seeming rare and shocking to frequent and almost expected in a country where these killings occur with frustrating regularity. They've become a shameful fact of life in a nation with too many guns, a culture so ruthlessly individualistic that it values access to firearms above the right to live, and politicians—most of them Republicans—whose cruelty and indifference allows this national suicide to carry on, shooting after murderous shooting.

It's terrible that place names such as Newtown, Aurora and Uvalde have become shorthand reminders that one day we may not survive a trip to the store or a restaurant, a day at work or school. I think we all suffer indirect trauma from this landscape of tragedies encircling us.

The first mass shooting I can remember, as a kid who grew up outside Denver, was at a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant about 25 miles away, where a fired ex-employee killed four workers with a pistol. I was only 9 years old at the time but saw and heard the coverage of the killings on the news. It was frightening and disturbing that something so horrible could happen at a place I associated with pizza, arcade games and birthday parties.

Five years later, when I was in ninth grade, a dozen students and a teacher were killed by gunfire at Columbine High School on the other side of the Denver metro area. I can still picture

**By TONY BARBOZA**  
Los Angeles Times*Tony Barboza is an editorial writer focusing on climate change and environmental justice.*

the classroom I was in when we heard the news that kids our age had been slaughtered inside their school. Two years ago, when a gunman killed 10 people at a supermarket in my hometown of Boulder, Colorado, that I had been to many times over the years, I could see the aisles and checkout lanes clearly in my mind.

Like many reporters, I've also covered my share of these shootings, and those get added to the map too. I think of interviewing witnesses outside a Seal Beach hair salon where a man killed eight people in 2011—at a shopping center I still drive by from time to time—and the 2015 San Bernardino attack where a married couple killed 16 people at a work event a few miles from my home. That day I raced to a local hospital as we tried to get a handle on how many were dead and wounded. I still think about it every time I pass by the exit on the 10 Freeway near the shooting site.

The pins on my map just keep multiplying. In 2023, there have already been more than 130 mass shootings, defined as having four or more victims killed or wounded, according to the Gun Violence Archive. And that's not counting the more frequent everyday shootings that account for the vast majority of gun deaths. The most common locations are where we spend our daily lives: workplaces, shopping centers, restaurants, schools, places of worship.

The details of the crime, the shooter's name and the motive matter so much less than the nation's failure to enact gun safety laws that would save lives.

I'd like to imagine a day when the shootings will stop or at least taper off or that I could point to some evidence that there's a limit to the amount of preventable death and suffering that U.S. leaders will tolerate while they stand by and do nothing. But the only certainty is that another massacre will soon add another dot on this disgraceful atlas.



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# Rethinking public debt as positive investment in sustainable development

The unprecedented fiscal firepower used to protect the vulnerable from the harsh socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic contraction have pushed the average government debt level in the Asia-Pacific region to its highest since 2008.

Public debt distress is expected to worsen amid the global economic slowdown, record high inflation and rising interest rates, and uncertainty induced by the war in Ukraine. And surging debt service payments are expected to put public debt sustainability of several developing Asia-Pacific economies at risk. Most concerning, debt distress risk is highest for countries with the highest development finance needs, including small island developing states.

Yet a higher debt level is not necessarily a bad thing, according to this year's edition of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific. Current policy debates on public debt sustainability do not take into account the long-term positive socio-economic and environmental impact of public investments in laying the foundations of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable prosperity.

Indeed, left unaddressed, development deficits and climate risks hurt economic prospects and public debt sustainability itself. Our analysis shows that social spending cuts increase poverty and inequality and undermine economic productivity in the long term. Conversely, investing in healthcare, education, social protection and climate action is good economics.

Multilateral lenders and credit rating agencies focus ex-

cessively on keeping debt sustainable in the short term. Such perceived optimal debt levels are too low and lead to suboptimal development outcomes. Revisiting current debt sustainability norms has also become necessary with the emergence of major non-traditional bilateral creditors and a drastic fall in concessional development lending to Asian and Pacific countries over the past decade.

It is time for a bold shift in thinking about public debt sustainability. We propose an augmented approach that assesses public debt viability that takes into account a country's SDG investment needs, government structural development policies aiming to boost economic competitiveness, and national SDG financing strategies.

It is time for creditors, international financial institutions and credit rating agencies to consider the positive long-term economic, social and environmental outcomes of investing in the SDGs, while assessing public debt sustainability. Our research finds that public debt is found to decline over the long term when the socio-economic and environmental benefits of public investments are incorporated.

Rather than penalizing bold fiscal support for people and the environment, international creditors should consider if such spending would boost economic productivity. Lenders and credit rating agencies should see debt relief as helping support the fiscal outlook, rather than as a sign of an upcoming debt default.

Developing countries should also strive to balance investing in the SDGs with ensuring debt sustainability.

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Governments should not feel deterred from borrowing for essential, high-impact sustainable development spending; rather, funds should be used efficiently and effectively. Public coffers should also be boosted by resource mobilization strategies designed to generate social and/or environmental benefits, such as through progressive taxation.

Effective public debt management reduces fiscal risks and borrowing costs, with several examples of good public debt management practices in the Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, countries with high debt distress levels may need pre-emptive, swift and adequate sovereign debt restructuring, while efforts towards common international debt resolution mechanisms and restructuring frameworks needs to be accelerated.

We are in the fourth year of the Decade of Action to accelerate progress towards the SDGs with not much to show in gains. It is time for Asia and the Pacific to rise to the challenge of mobilizing the financial resources to realise the dream of resilient and sustainable prosperity for all.

# Trump indictment is a risky bet for New York and the nation

The criminal indictment of former president and current presidential candidate Donald Trump is historic and unprecedented. It stands for the principle that, in the United States, no one is above the law.

At the same time, from the perspective of protecting U.S. democracy, the indictment is poorly timed. It would have been far better for the stability of our democracy if Trump had first been charged with crimes connected to his attempts to subvert that democracy by pressuring Georgia election officials to find more votes, not to mention interfering with the transfer of power on and around Jan. 6, 2021. If prosecutors in different jurisdictions consider it improper to confer with each other on timing, then Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg should have waited for others to move first.

The relatively minor charges brought by the Manhattan district attorney regarding Trump's alleged hush money payments to cover up extramarital sexual encounters do not target the core of Trump's challenge to our democratic constitutional system. As a practical matter, they may even make it more difficult to prosecute him for more serious crimes.

The core of the indictment's 34 felony charges against Trump relate to recording hush-money payments made via his attorney Michael Cohen as "legal fees." Under New York state law, if you falsify your own business records, that's a misdemeanor, a minor crime. To make it a felony, the government needs to prove that the falsification of the record was intended to commit and hide another crime. The indictment doesn't say specifically what that other crime was. But the DA's statement of facts seems to indicate that it was violating election law by hiding what was, in effect, a contribution to his campaign.

The first thing that makes those charges legally weak is that Trump can defend himself by saying he ordered the hush money recorded as legal expenses to avoid upsetting his wife, not to conceal the way the payments helped his campaign. That might sound like a shaky defense, especially because prosecutors can say that Trump's efforts to delay payment until after the 2016 election prove it was about the campaign, not his marriage.

But it wouldn't take 12 jurors to believe it. If even one juror believes it, then the jury would hang and a conviction would not be possible. Because it is vanishingly unlikely that the district attorney would attempt to retry Trump, the resulting mistrial would be almost

as great a victory as would be an acquittal.

The further legal problem is that an appeals court might conclude that the underlying election-related crime can't be the basis for a New York state crime because Trump was running for president, not for a New York state office. If so, an appeals court might conclude, Trump can't be found guilty of a New York state felony based on an attempt to affect a national election. Even if Trump loses in the New York courts, he would be able to appeal his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which might consider the issue one of federal law and reverse the conviction.

And not only may Trump potentially beat the charges, at trial or on appeal. He may be able to use those charges to create the impression among his supporters that he is a victim of politically motivated vendetta. In turn, that may make it harder for Georgia or federal prosecutors to bring and sustain much more serious charges against him.

It would be no small matter for the U.S. attorney general, serving under the Democratic president who defeated Trump, to charge Trump with a crime. No one, least of all Merrick Garland, wants to politicize criminal prosecution in our highly polarized political environment. The basis for bringing the federal charge would be that Trump had fundamentally threatened our democracy, providing a strong enough reason to overcome the presumption against a president prosecuting his predecessor from the opposite party who was also his leading opponent in an upcoming election. Trump will do everything he can to make such a prosecution look partisan. He will be able to use the New York prosecution as part of his argument.

If Trump is elected president again, there's also the possibility that the Supreme Court could be called on to freeze or delay the New York prosecution. To see why, suppose that the Manhattan case has not yet been finally resolved by January 2025, when he would be sworn in as president. (The next hearing won't even be until Dec. 4, 2023.) The sitting president would then be facing either criminal charges or possible sentencing after conviction or the prospect of an ongoing appeal of his conviction.

Trump could be expected to go to federal court and ask for the state charges against him to be dismissed or at least delayed until after his term ended. The basis for the argument would be that the president would not be able to govern effectively while facing the possibility of state prison time. He certainly could not govern ef-

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fectively from behind bars.

When Bill Clinton was president, the Supreme Court rejected his request that Paula Jones's civil suit be delayed until he was out of office, reasoning that the president is subject to the law and that he would not be unduly distracted by the case. It seems extremely unlikely that the current Supreme Court would extend that holding to a pending criminal charge. Their worry would be that, in the future, any prosecutor could charge a sitting president, thus enabling a local county official to interfere with the operation of the U.S. government.

Such a holding could create the extraordinary situation of a convicted or soon-to-be-convicted criminal serving as president of the United States. This would be an affront to the rule of law. Yet it would also be extremely problematic for democracy if any local prosecutor could place a sitting president in criminal jeopardy.

The upshot is that the timing of the hush-money charges against Trump might potentially putting our democracy in more danger, not less. No one should be above prosecution. But prosecutorial discretion, properly exercised, might have enabled Trump to be charged with his more serious crimes first, rather than muddying the waters of the criminal process as the hush-money charges may do.

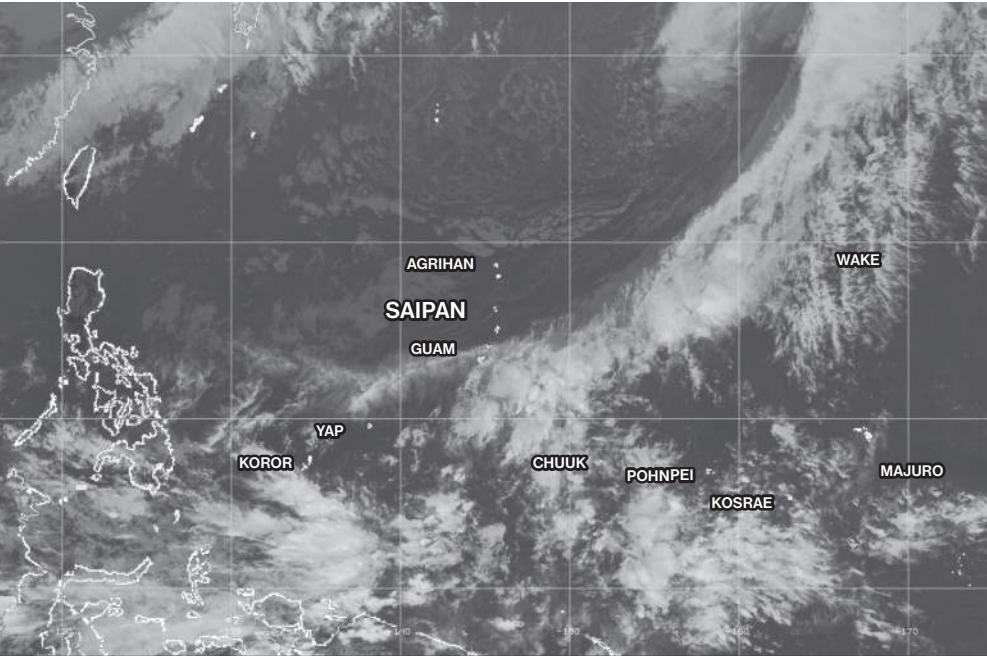
**KIDS**  
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America's students suffered grievous academic damage during the pandemic. More time away from class is the last thing they need now.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny		Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy		A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy		A chance of showers. Partly sunny		Partly sunny	
85°	75°	85°	75°	86°	76°	85°	76°	85°	77°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 8:36 AM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar imagery showed only isolated showers over the Marianas this morning. Northeast winds prevail over the islands.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 75°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°	
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:09 AM	6:29 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:30 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	6:03 AM	6:35 PM
Friday	-	6:40 AM	7:27 PM
Saturday	-	7:19 AM	8:21 PM
Sunday	-	8:01 AM	9:18 PM
Monday	-	8:49 AM	10:19 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Rain	66° / 58°	
Beijing	Rain	65° / 38°	
Hong Kong	Showers	77° / 68°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	79° / 64°	
London	Showers	55° / 34°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	78° / 50°	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 75°	
Melbourne	Rain	73° / 52°	
Miami	Mostly Sunny	81° / 72°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	50° / 34°	
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	55° / 45°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	43° / 36°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	54° / 30°	
Rome	Sunny	57° / 41°	
Salem	Cloudy	52° / 39°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	58° / 46°	
Seoul	Showers	54° / 39°	
Tokyo	Clouds	71° / 64°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	87° / 68°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
1:47 AM	Low Tide	0.47	
7:46 AM	High Tide	1.84	
2:11 PM	Low Tide	0.39	
8:12 PM	High Tide	1.83	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 1, 2023							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
UA824	7:25AM	9:55AM	1, 3, 5	UA825	9:25PM	1:50AM+1	2, 4, 7
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily	UA184	10:25PM	4:15AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA193	6:55PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau	UA189	10:25PM	6:10AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	7:15PM	9:10PM	Daily	PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
				UA192	11:50PM	5:35AM+1	2, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	1, 4, 5, 7	7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily
TW9308	3:45AM	7:30AM	4, 7	TW307	8:30PM	2:15AM+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily	TW9307	9:00PM	2:45AM+1	3, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022							
SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily	3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun	3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily	3103	16:30	17:00	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily	2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

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# Q&A with Chamorro author Shay Galloway



Chamorro first-time author Shay Galloway talks about her new book with Angelo Villagomez. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

*The Valley of Sage and Juniper* is a new novel by Chamorro first-time author Shay Galloway. She recently sat down with Angelo Villagomez to discuss her book.

**Question: Can you tell me about your personal connection to the Marianas?**

**Answer:** My grandfather was the late Justice Ramon Garrido Villagomez from Saipan and my grandmother was Phyllis Eileen Selk from Guam. They met while they were at University of Guam, married, and had a daughter, Tiana, who is my mother. I was born in California, but lived in Saipan for a short time when I was very young. I haven't made it back since.

**Q: And what have you been doing since ever since?**

**A:** After living in California, we moved to Colorado and then Wyoming just outside of Jackson Hole when I was in high school. I attended Utah State University and got a Bachelor's in English, then a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Now I teach English composition at a community college in Washington State, where I live with my husband and son.

**Q: And what made you want to write a book?**

**A:** I've always really loved reading. I read a personal essay in middle school about a kid who decided to become a writer, and that was the first time I realized you could actually be a writer as a job. Basically since then, I've wanted to be a writer.

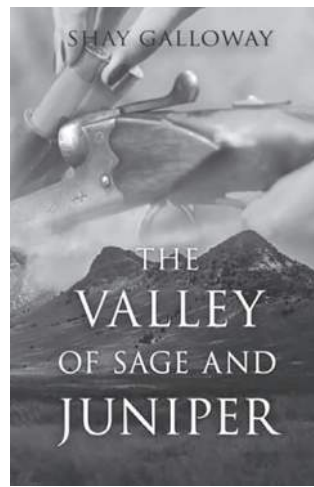
**Q: How did you decide on this genre and story?**

**A:** It was a little on accident. I really didn't like the idea of writing about the West and rural life, or even historical

meant for them in the first place isn't helpful. As a kid who had a high reading level, I read books that were more "mature," but I never picked up anything at school that was "graphic." There was a lot of stuff I wouldn't have learned if I didn't pick up some of those books. All banning is going to do is encourage kids to look for those books even more. I mean, I used to read my mom's "grown-up" books behind her back, so unless they're going to somehow cut off complete access to the internet, these "bans" aren't even going to work in the way they want them to, and will potentially have the opposite effect.

**Q: That makes sense. I'm going to shift gears a bit. There's a lot of parallels to your life in this book. You also grew up on a mountain surrounded by religion. How much of the book is from your own life?**

**A:** The only real intentional parallel is the location. The other stuff just sort of wove its way in, which I think all writers do, even without mean-



ing to. Parts of themselves and their experiences make their way into the pages. One (slightly outdated) adage that pops up in writing classes is to "write what you know," and I knew about religion and small mountain towns.

**Q: There's a lot of religious imagery in your book, including a flood, false prophets, and characters quoting scripture.**

**A:** Yeah... I grew up reading a lot of scripture. The Bible has been a huge influence on Western/English-speaking literature basically from its con-

ception. Really, the Bible is pretty good in a literary sense, regardless of what you believe about it. There are some great one-liners, and brutal stories that are at least entertaining—action and romance, dystopia and fantasy, poetry and song—it's all there.

**Q: Your book has two main characters, two sisters named Isaiah and Genesis. In the book, the characters put a lot of thought into the selection of baby names. Is there a deeper meaning to these names that may not be obvious to someone who isn't as steeped in the words of the Bible as you may be?**

**A:** Initially not really. I've always been drawn to the idea of traditionally masculine names given to girls, so I was just playing around with that and came up with Isaiah. But that then influenced what type of people would give their kids these names and where they would grow up. I liked the name Genesis, and considering it's the first book in the Bible, it only made sense to make her the oldest.

**Q: The book has a character who is one-quarter Native American, and you're one-quarter Chamorro. Was any of that biographical?**

**A:** I didn't draw that connection until you just asked me. Truthfully I wanted a love interest that also feels somewhat isolated due more to circumstance rather than personality like Genesis is, but he also needed to be allowed to move around like he does in the book, and historically, movement was limited for certain demographics unless they could "pass."

**Q: And finally, how can people get a copy of your book?**

**A:** *The Valley of Sage and Juniper* can be purchased as paperback and ebooks on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and wherever books are sold. We're working on an audiobook edition. You can also follow me on Instagram and Twitter @TheGallowCat and subscribe to my newsletter at ShayGalloway.com for updates.

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## USCIS updates guidance on administrative naturalization ceremony venues

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify the types of venues USCIS may use for administrative naturalization ceremonies.

This clarifying guidance is part of USCIS efforts to educate the public and those seeking to donate venue spaces, and to provide more transparency on how to partner with USCIS on

naturalization ceremonies. USCIS has a long-standing goal of promoting public understanding of the naturalization process and welcomes facility donations from public and private entities in line with our Policy Manual guidance and corresponding federal regulations.

This update, contained in Volume 12 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately, and includes the following:

- Clarifies the process for potential donors of facilities to submit an offer to donate the use of facilities.

- Eliminates the requirement for a donor to complete and submit an Offer of Gift from Non-Governmental Sources (Form G-1194).

- Explains the internal USCIS process for review and approval and simplifies the process for organizations to

submit offers to donate the use of facilities on multiple dates.

- Clarifies the many types of venues where USCIS may hold ceremonies by providing a non-exhaustive list of commonly used locations and the considerations for accepting the donation of the facilities.

This update, contained in Volume 12 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately. (USCIS)

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE FOR SAIPAN INDUSTRIAL INC. CO. FACILITY**  
**AREA OF CONCERN: MASON PLACE, AS LITO, SAIPAN**

**DATE: April 06, 2023**

On November 30, 2022, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) notified **Saipan Industrial Inc. Co. ("Saipan Industrial")** to begin negotiations for a consent decree for the cleanup of calcium carbide released into an unlined berm, approximately 20'x7' with an estimated depth of 6'-8', located at Saipan Industrial's industrial gas manufacturing facility at Mason Place, As Lito, Saipan.

**NATURE OF RELEASE, SUSPECTED HARMFUL SUBSTANCES, AND POTENTIAL RISKS TO HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT:** The unlined berm at the site is filled with calcium carbide waste, found by DEQ to be characteristically hazardous due to its pH level. As a result of the release, land areas and drainages below the Site are reasonably expected to be affected by the contamination. The proposed consent decree will require Saipan Industrial to complete removal and remediation work specified in the draft consent decree's Scope of Work, including but not limited to performance of a risk assessment to identify the nature and extent of the contamination; removal of all by-product material consistent with a removal plan; soil and groundwater sampling consistent with a sampling and analysis plan; testing of excavated materials to determine whether they are hazardous or non-hazardous for disposal purposes; and assessment of whether additional removal work or remediation is necessary.

Written comments can be submitted by mail to DEQ, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan MP 96950; sent by fax to 664-8540; or emailed to [josh.santos@becq.gov.mp](mailto:josh.santos@becq.gov.mp). Comments must be received by DEQ no later than May 05, 2023. All comments received by DEQ will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed activity. In addition, if ten or more persons request a public meeting on the subject of this public notice, DEQ may hold a public meeting to receive comments. Interested persons may obtain further information by scheduling an appointment with DEQ, Chalan Pale Arnold - Middle Road.

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# Business



## Pepoy's introduces Sunday lunch buffet

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Pepoy's Cafe & Restaurant is located in Chalan Kanoa across the intersection leading to the U.S. Post Office.

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Every Sunday is like a fiesta at Pepoy's Cafe & Restaurant as the Chalan Kanoa restaurant has introduced a Filipino-themed lunch buffet.

It's the first time the restaurant is offering a smorgasbord setup and owner Marilou Malasarte said she did so to give the community an affordable way to enjoy an eat-all-you-can buffet.

"I decided to have a Sunday buffet so that our community has an option to eat a variety of food at such an affordable price. Pepoy's started its Sunday buffet last April 2. We actually had been doing buffets ever since, but only for private gatherings and special occasions," she said.

The centerpiece of every Filipino buffet is roasted pig and Malasarte said Pepoy's Pinoy Sunday buffet wouldn't be complete if lechon isn't part of the spread.



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Pepoy's Filipino-themed lunch buffet can accommodate up to 90 hungry customers and is from 11am up to 2pm.

Aside from the crunchy-on-outside-juicy-in-inside goodness of the suckling pig, Pepoy's Sunday buffet main entrees usually include bestsellers like steamed fish, baked shrimp, stir-fried crab, roasted ribs, fried chicken, pancit, and vegetable chop suey. Their desserts are also nothing to sneeze at as puto, kutsinta, suman, buchi, and fruits are served. Appetizers are soups like egg corn soup and Caesar salad. The \$20 buffet also comes with free iced

tea and coffee.

Pepoy's Filipino-themed lunch buffet can accommodate up to 90 hungry customers and is from 11am up to 2pm.

Asked what makes Pepoy's Sunday brunch different from other eat-all-you-can offerings on the island, Malasarte said her restaurant only offers the best quality dishes and their customer service is unmatched.

"Aside from our affordable price, I would say our friendly services, welcoming staff, and open accommodation to all walks of life is what makes Pepoy's thrive in the restaurant business. Our staff are not only trained

how to serve but also to be respectful and kind to our clients. We've welcomed churchgoers from every religion, office employees and construction workers, staff from the medical field, and people of different organizations and different ethnicities and eventually they've all become our regular customers," she said.

Malasarte added that the debut of their Sunday buffet last April 2 was an unexpected surprise as they were extra busy and the restaurant was jam packed with customers.

"The recent Sunday buffet had a great turnout. The number of customers exceeded our expectations and we are so grateful. Pepoy's is open for everyone and so please try our Sunday buffet."

Pepoy's Cafe & Restaurant is located in Chalan Kanoa across the intersection leading to the U.S. Post Office. For reservations or for more information, call 483-8895 and 234-8894 or go to their Facebook page.



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Like any respectable Filipino gathering, lechon or roasted pig is the centerpiece of Pepoy's Sunday buffet.

## Community First promotes 2 officer trainees



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Nathaniel Dela Cruz and Neo Christian Pangilinan take on new roles after completing the credit union's 20-month Post-Graduate Officer Training Program.

**HAGATNA, Guam**—Community First Guam Federal Credit Union announced the promotions of Neo Christian Pangilinan and Nathaniel Dela Cruz after they successfully completed a 20-month Post-Graduate Officer Training Program. Pangilinan accepted the role of assistant manager of the Student-Run Credit Union in Mangilao. Dela Cruz was promoted to the position of Member Business Loan Credit analyst.

The Community First Officer Training Program gives recent college graduates the professional experience of working in every department of the credit union before being assigned to a department.

"The student-run credit union and our officer training program are part of our larger goal to ensure we continue the legacy of our company with homegrown talent," said Gerard Cruz, president and CEO of Community First. "These two gentlemen are the program's most recent success stories. I'm proud of their accomplishments and look forward to the many contributions they will make."

Pangilinan joined Community First in July 2018 as an intern at the Community First Student Run Credit Union in Mangilao. He completed two semesters as an intern, ending in July 2019. After completing his student internship and earning his Associate Degree in Marketing from Guam Community College, he worked as a part-time Member Service Representative. He was promoted to Member Service Representative II prior to entering the Officer Training Program in July 2021.

"My experience in the Officer Training Program as a whole has been an educational, challenging, and enlightening journey," said Pangilinan. "In my new position, I hope to be a positive role model who can inspire and motivate others in successfully providing financial solutions to our members and carry out Com-

munity First's mission to provide quality service based on excellence and integrity."

Dela Cruz began as an intern in January 2021 at the Community First Student Run Credit Union. He completed his student internship while earning his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Economics from the University of Guam. After graduation, he started the Officer Training Program in July 2021.

"The Officer Training Program has provided me with a valuable learning experience by giving me the opportunity to understand how each department of the Credit Union works together in order to operate," said Dela Cruz. "I look forward to applying the skills and knowledge I have gained from my Officer Trainee experience to my new position."

Community First launched the Community First Student-Run Member Service Center in 2018 in the heart of Mangilao, which is strategically located near UOG and GCC. This student-run service center, the first of its kind in Guam, is operated by college students enrolled at UOG and GCC and is a full-service location that serves Community First's members in one of the island's busiest villages. The service center also serves as a research and development platform to test and develop new credit union products and services.

Community First Guam Federal Credit Union is a community-chartered, full-service financial institution serving the community of Guam. Established in 1962, Community First is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The credit union has service centers in Hagåtña, Tamuning, Dededo, and a Student-Run Service Center in Mangilao. The new Community First Headquarters will be opening in Hagåtña by the summer of 2023. The credit union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration. (PR)



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Puto, kutsinta, suman, buchi, and fruits are part of the dessert spread.



# Nation

## Trump charged with 34 felony counts in hush money scheme

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A stone-faced Donald Trump made a momentous courtroom appearance Tuesday when he was confronted with a 34-count felony indictment charging him in a scheme to bury allegations of extramarital affairs that arose during his first White House campaign.

The arraignment in a Manhattan courtroom was a stunning—and humbling—spectacle for the first ex-president to ever face criminal charges. With Trump watching in silence, prosecutors bluntly accused him of criminal conduct and set the stage for a possible criminal trial in the city where he became a celebrity decades ago.

The indictment centers on allegations that Trump falsified internal business records at his private company while trying to cover up an effort to illegally influence the 2016 election by arranging payments that silenced claims potentially harmful to his candidacy. It includes 34 counts of fudging records related to checks Trump sent to his personal lawyer and problem-solver to reimburse him for his role in paying off a porn actor who said she had an extra-



Former President Donald Trump sits at the defense table with his legal team in a Manhattan court, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in New York.

marital sexual encounter with Trump years earlier.

“The defendant, Donald J. Trump, falsified New York business records in order to conceal an illegal conspiracy to undermine the integrity of the 2016 presidential election and other violations of election

laws,” said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Conroy.

Trump, somber and silent as he entered and exited the Manhattan courtroom, said “not guilty” in a firm voice while facing a judge who warned him to refrain from rhetoric that could inflame or

cause civil unrest. All told, the ever-verbose Trump, who for weeks before Tuesday’s arraignment had assailed the case against him as political persecution, uttered only 10 words in the courtroom. He appeared to glare for a period at Manhattan District Attorney

Alvin Bragg, the prosecutor who brought the case.

As he returned to his Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago, where he delivered a primetime address to hundreds of supporters, Trump again protested his innocence and asserted on his Truth Social platform that the “hearing was shocking to many in that they had no ‘surprises,’ and therefore, no case.”

In his speech, Trump lashed out anew at the prosecution and attacked in bitter terms the prosecutor and the judge presiding over the case despite being admonished hours earlier about incendiary rhetoric. In a sign of that other probes are weighing on him, Trump also steered his speech into a broadside against a separate Justice Department investigation into the mishandling of classified documents.

“I never thought anything like this could happen in America,” Trump said of the New York indictment. “This fake case was brought only to interfere with the upcoming 2024 election and it should be dropped immediately.”

The crowd at Mar-a-Lago included supporters like failed Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake and longtime ally Roger Stone. Trump’s wife, Melania, was absent from his side and was also not seen with him in New York.

Even so, the indictment amounts to a remarkable reckoning for Trump after years of investigations into his personal, business and political dealings. It shows how even as Trump is looking to reclaim the White

House in 2024, he is shadowed by investigations related to his behavior in the two prior elections, with prosecutors in Atlanta and Washington scrutinizing efforts by Trump and his allies to undo the 2020 presidential election—probes that could produce even more charges.

In the New York case, each count of falsifying business records, a felony, is punishable by up to four years in prison—though it’s not clear if a judge would impose any prison time if Trump is convicted. The next court date is Dec. 4—two months before Republicans begin their nominating process in earnest—and Trump will again be expected to appear.

A conviction would not prevent Trump from running for or winning the presidency in 2024.

The arraignment also delved into Trump’s rhetoric on the case, with prosecutors at one point handing printouts of his social media posts to the judge and defense lawyers as Trump looked on. Supreme Court Judge Juan Merchan did not impose a gag order but told Trump’s lawyers to urge him to refrain from posts that could encourage unrest.

The broad contours of the case have long been known, focusing on a scheme that prosecutors say began months into his candidacy in 2015, as his celebrity past collided with his presidential ambitions.

Though prosecutors expressed confidence in the case, a conviction is no sure thing given the legal complexities of the allegations, the application of state election laws to a federal election and prosecutors’ likely reliance on a key witness, Trump’s former lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen, who pleaded guilty in 2018 to false statements.

It centers on payoffs to two women, porn star Stormy Daniels and Playboy model Karen McDougal, who said they had extramarital sexual encounters with Trump years earlier, as well as to a Trump Tower doorman who claimed to have a story about a child he alleged the former president had out of wedlock.

“It’s not just about one payment. It is 34 false statements and business records that were concealing criminal conduct,” Bragg told reporters, when asked how the three separate cases were connected.

## Trump’s day in court as criminal defendant: What to know

**NEW YORK (AP)**—For the first time in history, a former U.S. president has appeared in court as a criminal defendant.

Donald Trump surrendered to authorities Tuesday after being indicted by a New York grand jury on charges related to hush-money payments at the height of the 2016 presidential election.

Trump, a 2024 presidential candidate, pleaded not guilty to 34 felony charges in a Manhattan courtroom. He then flew home to Florida and spoke to a crowd of supporters at his home.

Here’s what to know about Trump’s day in court:

### HUSH-MONEY PAYMENTS RELATED TO 2016 ELECTION

Prosecutors unsealed the indictment against the former president Tuesday, giving Trump, his lawyers and the world their first opportunity to see them. Trump was charged with 34 counts of falsifying business records in the first degree. Prosecutors said Trump conspired to undermine the 2016 presidential election by trying to suppress information that could harm his candidacy, and then concealing the true nature of the hush-money payments. The payments were made to two women—including a porn actor—who claimed

they had sexual encounters with him years earlier, and to a doorman at Trump Tower who claimed to have a story about a child Trump fathered out of wedlock, according to the Manhattan district attorney’s office.

### DONALD J. TRUMP, DEFENDANT

Trump was only seen briefly outside the district attorney’s office, where he surrendered to authorities and was booked and fingerprinted behind closed doors. Trump’s mugshot was not taken, according to two law enforcement officials who could not publicly discuss details of the process and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

As the former president entered the courtroom, he briefly looked at a huddle of news cameras but did not stop to speak to reporters.

Inside the courtroom, Trump sat at the defense table with his hands in his lap and his lawyers at his side. He looked right at photojournalists who were briefly allowed into the courtroom as they snapped his photo. During the rest of the proceeding, he stayed still with his hands together and looked straight ahead. Trump only spoke briefly in court, telling the judge he was pleading “not

guilty” and had been advised of his rights. The judge warned Trump that he could be removed from the courtroom if he was disruptive. Trump made no comment when he left court just under an hour later.

Trump’s lawyer Todd Blanche said during the hearing that Trump is “absolutely frustrated, upset and believes that there is a great injustice happening” in the courtroom.

### A ‘SURREAL’ DAY IN THE CITY WHERE HE GAINED FAME

Before he appeared in court, Trump made posts on his social media network complaining that the heavily Democratic area was a “VERY UNFAIR VENUE” and “THIS IS NOT WHAT AMERICA WAS SUPPOSED TO BE!” As his motorcade carried him across Manhattan, he posted that the experience was “SURREAL.”

The Republican has portrayed the Manhattan case and three separate investigations from the Justice Department and prosecutors in Georgia, as politically motivated. In recent weeks, he has lashed out at Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, called on his supporters to protest and warned about “potential death and destruction” if he were charged.

### TRUMP ADDRESSES SUPPORTERS

Appearing in front of several hundred supporters at his Florida home, Mar-a-Lago, Tuesday night, Trump repeated his claims that the investigation was politically motivated. He and attacked Bragg and the judge in the New York case, the judge’s family and other prosecutors investigating him in other cases.

“The only crime that I have committed is to fearlessly defend our nation from those who seek to destroy it,” Trump said.

### BRAGG SPEAKS BRIEFLY

Bragg, speaking publicly for the first time since the indictment last week, held a brief news conference after the court proceedings in which he said the hush-money scheme constituted “felony crimes in New York state—no matter who you are.”

“We cannot and will not normalize serious criminal conduct,” Bragg said. The Democratic prosecutor said accurate and true business records are important everywhere, but especially in Manhattan, because it’s the financial center of the world.



# Environment

## Paying for paradise? Hawaii mulls fees for ecotourism crush

AP  
A green sea turtle swims near coral in a bay on the west coast of the Big Island near Captain Cook, Hawaii, on Sept. 11, 2019.

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP SCIENCE WRITER

**HONOLULU** (AP)—Repairing coral reefs after boats run aground. Shielding native forest trees from a killer fungus outbreak. Patrolling waters for swimmers harassing dolphins and turtles.

Taking care of Hawaii's unique natural environment takes time, people and money. Now Hawaii wants tourists to help pay for it, especially because growing numbers are traveling to the islands to enjoy

the beauty of its outdoors—including some lured by dramatic vistas they've seen on social media.

"All I want to do, honestly, is to make travelers accountable and have the capacity to help pay for the impact that they have," Democratic Gov. Josh Green said earlier this year. "We get between nine and 10 million visitors a year (but) we only have 1.4 million people living here. Those 10 million travelers should be helping us sustain our environment."

Hawaii lawmakers are consider-

ing legislation that would require tourists to pay for a yearlong license or pass to visit state parks and trails. They're still debating how much they would charge.

The governor campaigned last year on a platform of having all tourists pay a \$50 fee to enter the state. Legislators think this would violate U.S. constitutional protections for free travel and have promoted their parks and trails approach instead. Either policy would be a first of its kind for any U.S. state.

Hawaii's leaders are follow-

ing the example of other tourism hotspots that have imposed similar fees or taxes like Venice, Italy, and Ecuador's Galapagos Islands. The Pacific island nation of Palau, for example, charges arriving international passengers \$100 to help it manage a sprawling marine sanctuary and promote ecotourism.

State Rep. Sean Quinlan, a Democrat who chairs the House Tourism Committee, said changing traveler patterns are one reason behind Hawaii's push. He said golf rounds per visitor per day have declined 30% over the past decade while hiking has increased 50%. People are also seeking out once-obscure sites that they've seen someone post on social media. The state doesn't have the money to manage all these places, he said.

"It's not like it was 20 years ago when you bring your family and you hit maybe one or two famous beaches and you go see Pearl Harbor. And that's the extent of it," Quinlan said. "These days it's like, well, you know, 'I saw this post on Instagram and there's this beautiful rope swing, a coconut tree.'"

"All these places that didn't have visitors now have visitors," he said.

Most state parks and trails are currently free. Some of the most popular ones already charge, like Diamond Head State Monument, which features a trail leading from the floor of a 300,000-year-old volcanic crater up to its sum-

mit. It gets 1 million visitors each year and costs \$5 for each traveler.

A bill currently before the state House would require nonresidents 15 years and older visiting forests, parks, trails or "other natural area on state land" to buy an annual license online or via mobile app. Violators would pay a civil fine, though penalties wouldn't be imposed during a five-year education and transition period.

Residents with a Hawaii driver's license or other state identification would be exempt.

The Senate passed a version of the measure setting the fee at \$50. But the House Finance Committee amended it last week to delete the dollar amount. Chair Kyle Yamashita, a Democrat, said the bill was "a work in progress."

Dawn Chang, chair of the state Board of Land and Natural Resources, told the committee that Hawaii's beaches are open to the public, so people probably wouldn't be cited there—and such details still need to be worked out.

Rep. Dee Morikawa, a Democrat on the committee, recommended that the state create a list of places that would require the license.

Green has indicated he's flexible about where the fee is imposed and that he's willing to support the Legislature's approach.

## On India's shore, rising salinity means daily water struggle

**KOCHI, India** (AP)—Anthony Kuttappassera's family has lived in the same house at the edge of the Arabian Sea for more than a century. He grew up drinking water from the pond and the well outside his home.

But 60 years ago, that water became too salty to drink. Then it grew too salty for bathing or washing clothes. Now, the pond is green, buggy and nearly dry—just like the rest of the wells and ponds in the Chellanam area of Kochi, a city of about 600,000 people on India's southwestern coast.

Rising seas from climate change are bringing saltwater into the fresh water of places like Chellanam, rendering unusable what had been a vital part of everyday life. And frequent breaks in the pipelines that bring fresh water from inland exacerbates the misery for residents in this village of about 8 square kilometers (3 square miles), requiring water to be trucked in.

Each truckload of water has to be poured into barrels and buckets and carried by hand to the village's 600 households.

"We do not have clean water for even cleaning ourselves. We are surrounded by water but we do not have any consumable water," the 73-year-

old Kuttappassera said. "When this pond was in usable condition there was no such issue and we had enough water for everything. There was no need for any other source. But now we are using packed water for everything."

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Although saltwater invasion of crucial groundwater supplies is a climate change problem around the world, richer nations can adapt more easily. It hits harder in countries like India, expected to surpass China as the world's most populous nation this year. India is still regarded as a developing nation even as it has grown into one of the world's largest economies.

India is the world's third-highest emitter of carbon dioxide, which contributes to global warming. The nation is increasingly prioritizing a transition to clean energy, with ambitious targets for renewables, a green hydrogen initiative to make clean fuel and a program encouraging individual citizens to live more

sustainably.

But that shift will take time. Meanwhile, rising seas, changing ocean patterns, extreme storms, overuse of wells and over-development all contribute to the growing salinity problem in the Kochi region, scientists said. And that challenge in coastal areas comes in a nation where access to freshwater was already an issue. Less than half of India's population has access to clean drinking water, according to UNICEF.

"People are suffering because the aquifers are getting salinized," said Bijoy Nandan, dean of marine sciences at Cochin University of Science and Technology. Salinity has increased by 30% to 40% since the first studies of water in the area in 1971, he said.

S. Sreekesh, a professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, studied the worsening threat in the Kochi area looking at satellite, tide gauge and other data from the 1970s through 2020. He found seas rising by about 1.8 millimeters (0.07 inch) a year.

Getting water in Chellanam is always difficult, but the pipeline breaks make it even harder. The daily struggle could be seen during a recent outage that lasted

about a month. Bringing the water in by truck—or rowed in via small boats—was only a start in a game of going from bigger pots of water to smaller.

Four giant trucks carrying 36,000 liters of water made it as far as a church parking lot, but couldn't go any farther due to narrow winding streets. Their water was transferred into smaller tankers: 6,000 liters, 4,000 liters and

even a toy-like 1,000-liter truck.

Those smaller trucks then made their way toward deliveries along one of the wider roads, stopping every few meters (yards) where large blue barrels were set up. The truck driver would hop out, connect a tube and turn a spigot to slowly fill barrel after barrel. Residents then dipped silvery aluminum 5- and 6-liter pots into the barrels.



# Life & Style

## Webby Award nominations for Harry Styles, Lizzo, Post Malone

NEW YORK (AP)—Harry Styles, Post Malone, Lizzo, Doja Cat, Megan Thee Stallion, the cast of “Ted Lasso” and the web series that gave us a kid loving corn are among the nominees for this year’s Webby Awards, recognizing the best internet content and creators.

The International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences announced the nominees on Tuesday, the result of nearly 14,000 entries from 70 countries.

Styles nabbed a nomination for his commercial for AirPods, Trevor Noah for his segments filmed between the scenes at “The Daily Show” and BTS fans for their YouTube uploads called #MyBT-Story. Lizzo got one for her hosting her show “Lizzo’s



Watch Out For the Big Grrrls,” in which she hunts for dancers. Doja Cat’s reluctant social video for Taco Bell’s Mexi-

can Pizza—“I like my pizza with refried beans/Peep my ad/ Search YouTube/This ain’t even Mexican food”—was

nominated for best advertising partnership, and faces-off in that category with the collaboration between “Ted Lasso” and FIFA 23.

Nominees include “Recess

Brett Goldstein, from left, To-heeb Jimoh, Hannah Waddingham, Jason Sudeikis and Brendan Hunt, all members of the cast of “Ted Lasso,” pose for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles on March 6, 2023.

AP

Therapy,” the show that highlighted 7-year-old corn-loving Tariq, Post Malone’s listening experience for “Twelve Carat Toothache” and a VR concert by Megan Thee Stallion was nominated for best meta-verse, immersive or virtual performance.

In other music nods, Future’s “Wait For U” featuring Drake and Tems, Muse’s “Compliance,” Disturbed’s “Bad Man” and Christina Aguilera’s reworked “Beautiful” for World Mental Health Day are competing for best music video.

Metallica’s teaming up with

“Stranger Things” for a collection of Hellfire Club merchandise was nominated for best partnership or collaboration and the social media accounts of Lupita Nyong’o, Stephen Colbert and Jennifer Garner got nods.

A focus on artificial intelligence reflected the tech world’s fascination with its promise, including OpenAI getting a nomination for best science website or mobile site, and nods for the Heinz ketchup AI artwork campaign and the voice-activated AI color system for Sherwin-Williams.

Companies earning the highest number of nominations are Apple with 22, MTV with 15, National Geographic and Netflix each with 14, Audible with 13, CNN and HBO and The Washington Post each with 12, Google and Meta with 11 apiece and Amazon with 10.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Percival Everett, Ling Ma among winners of \$175,000 prizes

NEW YORK (AP)—Percival Everett and Ling Ma, already two of the year’s most honored writers, are among eight winners of the lucrative Windham-Campbell Prize. Each of the recipients, who also include the dramatists Dominique Morisseau and Jasmine Lee-Jones, will be given \$175,000. Over the last few weeks, Everett has been voted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, won the PEN/Jean Stein Award for his novel “Dr. No” and was a National Book Critics Circle awards fiction finalist. Ma, whose story collection “Bliss Montage” won the book critics fiction prize, is also this year’s winner of the Story Prize for best short fiction. The prizes were first thought of in the 1980s by author Donald Windham and actor-writer Sandy M. Campbell and formally established a decade ago to “call attention to literary achievement and provide writers with the opportunity to focus on their work independent of financial concerns.” The other winners announced Tuesday by Yale University, where the awards

are administered, are the nonfiction writers Susan Williams and Darran Anderson and the poets Alexis Pauline Gumbs and dg nanouk okpik.

#### Yiyun Li’s ‘The Book of Goose’ wins PEN/Faulkner award

NEW YORK (AP)—Yiyun Li’s novel “The Book of Goose,” the story of two mischievous teenage girls in post-World War II France and their improbable literary success, has won the PEN/Faulkner Award for fiction. Li will receive \$15,000 for the PEN/Faulkner, which in previous years has been given to Philip Roth, Ann Patchett and Deesha Philyaw, among others. She has published both novels and story collections and received numerous other prizes, including the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story, presented to her last December. The other PEN/Faulkner finalists—Jonathan Escoffery, for “If I Survive You”; Kathryn Harlan, for “Fruiting Bodies”; Dionne Irving, for “The Islands”; and Laura Warrell, for “Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm”—will each be awarded \$5,000.

## Sex abuse trial delayed for ‘Dances With Wolves’ actor

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A Nevada judge postponed on Monday the trial for a former “Dances With Wolves” actor indicted in state court on charges that he sexually abused Indigenous women and girls for a decade in the Las Vegas area.

Clark County District Judge Carli Kierny said the trial in the case of Nathan Chasing Horse will begin May 1 in Las Vegas to give prosecutors and Chasing Horse’s public defenders more time to iron out pending motions in the case. His trial had previously been scheduled for April 17.

A Clark County grand jury indicted Chasing Horse, 46, in late February on 19 counts that

include charges of sexual assault of a child younger than 16, kidnapping, lewdness and child abuse. Chasing Horse, who is widely known for his portrayal of Smiles a Lot in Kevin Costner’s 1990 Oscar-winning film, has pleaded not guilty and invoked his right to a trial within 60 days of his indictment.

The former actor, who has been in custody since his Jan. 31 arrest, is due back in court Wednesday morning for a hearing on a motion asking Kierny to dismiss the sweeping indictment. Chasing Horse and his lawyers argued in their motion that two women identified as victims in Nevada wanted to have sex with him.

Prosecutors and police have

said the abuse allegations against Chasing Horse date to the early 2000s and span two countries and multiple states. He also faces criminal charges in U.S. District Court in Nevada and British Columbia, Canada, as well as on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana.

Chasing Horse is accused of using his position as a self-proclaimed medicine man to gain access to vulnerable Indigenous women and girls and take underage wives. Authorities have described him as the leader of a cult known as “The Circle,” whose members believe he has healing abilities and can communicate to higher beings.

## Man meets the love of his life while married to someone else

DEAR ABBY: I am married, but my wife and I are unhappy and have been for years. We grew apart after 17 years. We tried counseling multiple times; it only reinforces the decision to divorce. I have had two affairs. One lasted six months; the other on and off for the past nine months.

The latter lady, “Gayle,” and I have an amazing connection in our lifestyles and beliefs. We even have the same birthday. It’s undeniable. We also have chemistry like no other. The problem is, she doesn’t think we will work. We take breaks, which only lead her to want to see me weeks later.

I have professed my love for her and, while she hasn’t said it back, everything points to it. When we are intimate, she cries and tells me how much I mean to her. Gayle is strong-willed, independent and lives her life on her terms. When she makes a decision, it’s final. But not with me—she keeps coming back. I have written her numerous letters declaring my love for her. I get lost in her eyes. I don’t want to lose her. Any advice?

DESPERATE IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR DESPERATE: Granted, you and Gayle may have amazing chemistry and other things in common, including birthdays. However, relationships are supposed to be mutual. As you have described it, this one is entirely on Gayle’s

terms, and she hasn’t told you she loves you. Could it be because you are still married?

You have important issues to straighten out before you can have an open relationship with Gayle. One of them is whether you are ready to end your unhappy marriage. Once you are a free man, Gayle may be more forthcoming and available. If not, your romance wasn’t meant to be anything more than an exciting interlude. Before pinning your hopes on Gayle, it’s imperative to take control of your own life.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 12 years. Both of us were widowed. My husband has a cemetery plot next to his first wife. In a nearby city, I have a cemetery plot next to my first husband, which includes a combined headstone with my name already engraved. Our plan was to leave it to our children to make the arrangements when the time comes, but we realize it may not be fair to them.

We both believe funerals are for the living and not for the dead, but I don’t think it’s fair to ignore my new husband’s last name in my final resting place. Neither do I want to negate my relationship of 23 years with my first husband. What would be the proper way to resolve this so none of our children feel disrespected in relation to their parents? We all have close relationships with each other.

PERPLEXED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

### DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR PERPLEXED: The first thing to do is discuss this dilemma with your children and explain your wishes. Then contact the cemetery and inquire about adding your married name to the existing headstone or purchasing a new headstone for your eventual final resting place. It’s certainly worth asking.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to senior—is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

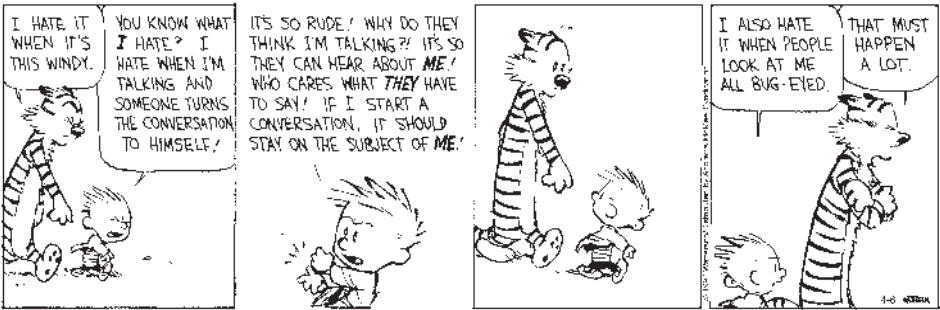
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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

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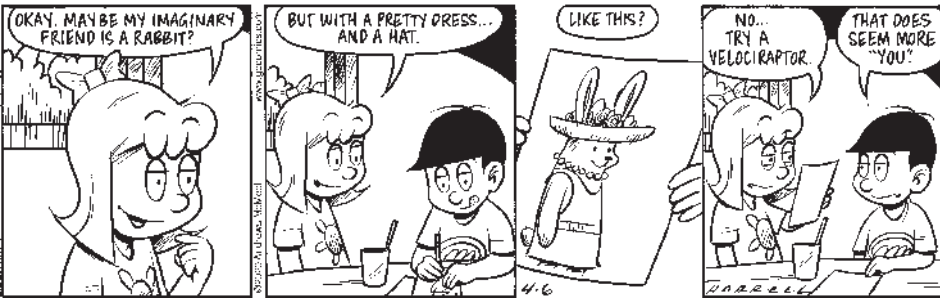
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By Jim Davis



## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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48 Any time now  
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**Solution time: 24 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 4-6**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Eliza Coupe, 42; Candace Cameron Bure, 47; Zach Braff, 48; Paul Rudd, 54.

**Happy Birthday:** Let your intuition and feelings lead the way, and you'll discover unexpected opportunities that offer a better lifestyle and better relationships. Channel your energy into your surroundings and ensure you have the level of comfort and convenience you desire. Connecting with people from your past will enrich your life and encourage you to pick up where you left off. Your numbers are 3, 16, 19, 24, 32, 36, 41.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't count on others to do things for you. A disciplined attitude will help you reach your goal and maximize your chance to advance. Distance yourself from anyone who pressures you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take your time, plan your actions and be aware of how your plans will affect or influence others. Focus on something worthwhile; the rewards will lift your spirits and encourage stronger friendships. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Check out groups of interest. Talk to people who have something to offer. Contribute to a cause you believe in, and you'll gain access to someone who can provide insight and opportunity into the best way to make a difference. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll absorb information quickly and should apply it to making a difference or bringing about positive change to the way you live. Stick to a budget and control habits that can slow you

down or cost you your reputation. \*\*

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Pay close attention to legal, financial and professional matters. Don't sign anything if you don't understand the consequences. Ask for examples, proof or anything else that will put your mind at ease before you commit. Self-improvement will lead to personal growth and confidence. \*\*\*

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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# LeBron scores 37 in Lakers' OT victory over Jazz



**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—LeBron James missed a potential game-winning layup on the final play of regulation. Given a second chance, he delivered.

James scored 37 points, including a go-ahead basket with 27 seconds left in overtime, to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 135-133 victory over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night.

Ochai Agbaji tried to impede James' drive to the basket, but he spun off from the Jazz guard and finished over Damian Jones. James has now made 40 career go-ahead shots inside the final 30 seconds of the fourth quarter and overtime, counting playoff games.

"I saw a nice clear lane to the right side," James said. "I definitely had to make up for blowing that layup at the end of regulation. I had a really good look. We set up a good play and I just left it a little short."

Anthony Davis had 21 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers. Austin Reaves added 28 points. Five players scored in double figures to help Los Angeles win for the seventh time in eight games.

The Lakers escaped with a win by holding Utah without a basket over the final 1:38 after Kelly Olynyk gave the Jazz a 132-129 lead on a 3-pointer.

"This has been us lately. We've been one of the top teams defensively," James said. "We had to get stops and we did that."

Olynyk finished with 23 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Talen Horton-Tucker added 23 points and seven assists for the Jazz. Agbaji chipped in 22 points. The Jazz lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Horton-Tucker has scored 124 points over his last four games. He had a chance to force a second overtime but missed a fadeaway jumper with 6.1 seconds remaining.

"Those are shots you want to hit so hopefully I get another opportunity," Horton-Tucker said.

Utah rallied from a double-digit deficit after shooting 71% from the field in the third quarter. The Jazz finally took their first second-half lead on back-to-back baskets from Collin Sexton and Luka Samanic, going up 99-97 early in the fourth quarter.

Los Angeles retook the lead on back-to-back baskets from Dennis Schroder and James and went up 124-114 with 1:43 left on eight straight points from Reaves.

Utah countered with a 10-0 run to force overtime. Olynyk scored a basket and assisted



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James (6) scores as Utah Jazz center Damian Jones (15) defends during overtime in an NBA basketball game Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in Salt Lake City.

two others and Jones knotted the score on a pair of free throws with 11.4 seconds remaining in regulation.

"I thought we kind of walked the ball up the floor," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said. "They were charging, obviously making a run. We got the ball and kind of were walking. ... but we found a way."

The Jazz were missing starters Lauri Markkanen, Walker Kessler, and Jordan Clarkson.

"Our team did a good job of continuing the pace," Jazz coach Will Hardy said. "We had the freedom down 10 to just like keep our foot on the gas."

## **SUNS 115, SPURS 94**

**PHOENIX (AP)**—Devin Booker scored 27 points and Phoenix never trailed, beating depleted San Antonio to clinch a playoff spot.

The Suns (44-35) won their sixth in a row, the longest current winning streak in the NBA. With one more victory in the final three games, Phoenix would assure itself of at least the No. 4 seed in the Western Conference and home-court advantage in the first round.

Chris Paul scored 22 points, while Deandre Ayton had 19 points and 11 rebounds. Kevin Durant scored 18 points and reserve Torrey Craig added 15. The Suns are 7-0 when Durant has been in their lineup.

Malaki Branham led the Spurs with 21 points. Tre Jones scored 20, while Kei-

ta Bates-Diop and Sandro Mamukelashvili each had 13.

## **WARRIORS 136, THUNDER 125**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)**—Stephen Curry scored 34 points, Jordan Poole dazzled down the stretch to score 30 and Golden State beat Oklahoma City in its final regular-season home game to move into fifth place in the Western Conference standings.

For a day, that is. The winner of the Clippers-Lakers game Wednesday jumps to fifth and will drop Golden State to sixth.

On a night Klay Thompson was a late scratch with low back tightness, Poole and his backcourt mates came through. Draymond Green contributed 17 points, 10 rebounds and five assists with a pair of blocked shots and steals.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 32 points, 21 in the first half, for the Thunder. Jalen Williams added 19 points but the Thunder lost their third in a row and fourth of five.

## **CAVALIERS 117, MAGIC 113**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)**—Donovan Mitchell scored 43 points, his fourth straight 40-point game, to help Cleveland beat Orlando.

The win secured the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference for the Cavaliers. Mitchell scored Cleveland's last six points to become the first Cavalier ever to score 40 or more points in four straight games, and the first player in the NBA

since James Harden had five in a row in 2018-19.

Caris Levert added 19 points in Cleveland's 50th win of the season, giving them home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Markelle Fultz had 23 points and eight assists, and Paolo Banchero had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic (34-45).

## **KINGS 121, PELICANS 103**

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—De'Aaron Fox scored 23 points, rookie Keegan Murray added 21 and Sacramento beat New Orleans to clinch the Pacific Division title.

Domantas Sabonis had 16 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for the Kings, who took the lead for good late in the first quarter and led by as many as 24 points in the second half.

Brandon Ingram scored 22 points and Trey Murphy III had 17 for the Pelicans (40-39), who entered the game knowing they could guarantee themselves sixth place in the Western Conference if they won their final four games. Now New Orleans is more likely destined for a play-in spot that goes to teams finishing seventh through 10th.

## **HEAT 118, PISTONS 105**

**DETROIT (AP)**—Jimmy Butler scored 18 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and Miami avoided an embarrassing loss by rallying to beat hapless Detroit.

Miami (42-37) kept its chance of escaping the Play-In tournament alive, but Detroit (16-63) made it tough before losing its 10th straight and falling to 1-21 in its last 22 games.

Gabe Vincent scored 22 points for the Heat while Bam Adebayo and Tyler Herro had 18 apiece.

Jaden Ivey scored 30 points for the Pistons, while fellow rookie Jalen Duren had 20 points and 14 rebounds.

## **ROCKETS 124, NUGGETS 103**

**HOUSTON (AP)**—Jalen Green scored 32 points, six others scored in double figures and last-place Houston prevented Denver from clinching the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference.

Denver entered Tuesday three games ahead of Memphis for the top spot in the Western Conference with four games remaining for both teams. At 19-60 entering Tuesday, the Rockets stood 33 1/2 games behind Denver's 52-26 record.

But none of that mattered to the upstart Rockets, hoping to end a rocky season on a posi-

tive note.

## **BUCKS 140, WIZARDS 128**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Giannis Antetokounmpo had 28 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and Jrue Holiday nearly added a triple-double of his own and Milwaukee took another step toward wrapping up the NBA's best record with a victory over Washington.

Holiday finished with 26 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds, and Bobby Portis added 19 points and 20 rebounds for Milwaukee.

Kendrick Nunn scored 24 points for the Wizards, who are out of playoff contention and played without Bradley Beal (left knee), Kristaps Porzingis (illness) and Kyle Kuzma (right ankle).

## **GRIZZLIES 119, TRAIL BLAZERS 109**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)**—Desmond Bane scored 30 points and keyed a fourth-quarter rally, Ja Morant added 23 points and nine assists and Memphis defeated short-handed Portland.

Luke Kennard added 20 for Memphis, converting 6 of 10 3-pointers.

Skylar Mays, who signed a 10-day contract with Portland last weekend, led the Trail Blazers with 24 points and seven assists. Shaedon Sharpe added 20 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Jabari Walker finished with 16 points.

## **HAWKS 123, BULLS 105**

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 26 points and Atlanta overcame the absence of top scorer Trae Young to beat Chicago.

Young, who leads the Hawks with a 26.2 scoring average, didn't play due to a non-COVID illness. Forward De'Andre Hunter missed his third consecutive game because of a left knee bruise.

But Bogdanovic led the way on 9-of-15 shooting from the field, including 5-of-10 on 3-point attempts.

Atlanta (40-39) opened a two-game lead over the Bulls (38-41), who clinched a play-in berth in the Eastern Conference by virtue of Orlando's loss to Cleveland earlier in the evening.

## **RAPTORS 120, HORNETS 100**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)**—Pascal Siakam had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Toronto rolled past Charlotte.

Toronto has won five of its last six games, improving to 40-39 and solidifying their position for the NBA play-in tournament.

The Raptors scored 19 straight points during a stretch

late in the third quarter and into the fourth quarter after Charlotte had gotten within 80-75 with 3:49 left in the third quarter.

Bryce McGowens scored a career-high 20 points for Charlotte.

## **TIMBERWOLVES 107, NETS 102**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Anthony Edwards scored 23 points, Karl-Anthony Towns had 22 points, 14 rebounds and five assists, and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Brooklyn Nets 107-102 on Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

"Right now every win feels like two, and every loss feels like three. It's just crazy," Minnesota coach Chris Finch said. "We desperately needed this game."

Rudy Gobert had 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike Conley scored 18 points, nine in the fourth quarter. Minnesota moved within a half-game of eighth-seeded New Orleans, which lost to 121-103 to Sacramento.

"It's a very good feeling, obviously us winning," Towns said. "We need some teams to lose, and they're losing."

Spencer Dinwiddie had 30 points and six assists, Mikal Bridges scored 24 points and Dorian Finney-Smith had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets, who had their three-game win streak snapped. Their lead over Miami for the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference was cut to one game after the Heat's 118-105 victory in Detroit.

## **76ERS 103, CELTICS 101**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—Joel Embiid strengthened his MVP bid with 52 points and 13 rebounds, and the NBA scoring leader carried the Philadelphia 76ers to a 103-101 win over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

P.J. Tucker gave Embiid and the Sixers the help they needed when he made three late 3-pointers that turned a one-point deficit into a 101-95 lead. Derrick White buried a 3 with 2 seconds left that pulled Boston to 103-101 and hushed a crowd that had just bellowed "MVP! MVP!" chants. Embiid was whistled for an offensive foul but the Celtics couldn't capitalize.

Embiid made 20 of 25 shots from the floor and 12 of 13 free throws en route to his ninth game of the season with at least 40 points and 10 rebounds. Embiid scored 50 points for the third time this season.

White scored 26 points for the Celtics and Jayson Tatum had 19. The Celtics fell to 9-4 this season without Jaylen Brown, the team's second-leading scorer who got the night off with a back injury.



# Machado 1st player ejected over pitch clock violation



SAN DIEGO (AP)—Manny Machado

thought he had called time as the pitch clock wound down to eight seconds. Plate umpire Ron Kulpa thought otherwise and called an automatic strike three to end the first inning.

The San Diego Padres' star slugger argued, said something that Kulpa didn't like and was ejected.

That was merely the biggest drama of the day for the Padres, who blew a four-run lead and lost 8-6 to the Arizona Diamondbacks after the bullpen melted down while trying to preserve Yu Darvish's decent season debut. José Herrera singled in the go-ahead run in the four-run eighth, when the Diamondbacks stole four bases and were aided by two errors. Josh Rojas scored the final run when he stole home as part of a double steal. Rojas had three hits and two RBIs.

Machado's ejection was the first related to the pitch clock.

Machado was adjusting his batting gloves and called time just before the clock ticked from 8 seconds to 7 seconds. Batters must be facing the pitcher with eight seconds on the clock under new rules adopted for this season to speed the pace of play. They get one timeout per at-bat.

"I called it. As you can see, my hand was up at eight seconds," Machado said. "I guess it wasn't good enough to get awarded for it."

Asked what he said before getting ejected, Machado said: "That's between me and him."

Manager Bob Melvin also argued with Kulpa as Machado, who was the designated hitter, was escorted toward the dugout by another umpire.

It was the 10th ejection of Machado's big league career.

Machado committed the first pitch clock violation during spring training and shrugged it off after getting two hits that day.

This time it was far more serious.

"Obviously he said I called time too late, that I called it at seven seconds," Machado said. "That's his opinion. I know what I saw and know what I felt. I knew I had enough time to call that timeout and I just didn't get it. Obviously it's about a feel thing and who's behind the plate and who's going to want to grant it to you. I'm just going to continue to do what the rules say."

Said Melvin: "You're going to see some of that, and unfortunately it was strike three."

Nelson Cruz replaced Machado and homered to left leading off the fourth for a 2-0 lead, his first with the Padres.

Xander Bogaerts, who signed a \$280 million, 11-year deal as a free agent in December, hit

a two-run homer to left-center with two outs in the fifth, his third, for a 5-1 lead. Juan Soto was aboard on a one-out double.

The Diamondbacks began their comeback by scoring three runs with two outs in the sixth to pull to 5-4. Geraldo Perdomo hit a two-run double and Rojas an RBI single. Rojas' at-bat followed a walk by Jose Herrera, who was awarded an automatic ball on a pitch clock violation by Nabil Crismatt. Herrera ended up walking.

They took the lead in the eighth on three singles, a walk, four stolen bases and two errors.

## PHILLIES 4, YANKEES 1

NEW YORK (AP)—Kyle Schwarber hit his 200th career homer on the game's second pitch from Domingo Germán (0-1) and added an RBI single as the Philadelphia Phillies became the last team in the major leagues to get a win this season.

The NL champions had been outscored 37-12 during an 0-4 start and were on the verge on their poorest beginning to a season since dropping their first seven games in 1934.

Andrew Bellatti (1-0) pitched the fifth for the win.

## RAYS 10, NATIONALS 6

WASHINGTON (AP)—Luke Raley, Josh Lowe and Yandy Díaz homered in the ninth inning as Tampa Bay rallied. At 5-0, the Rays are off to the best start since the 2016 Baltimore Orioles won their first seven games.

Raley hit his third homer in two nights, a leadoff drive in the ninth off Kyle Finnegan (0-1) that tied the score 6-6. Lowe followed with a shot into the second deck in right-center. With two on and one out, Díaz capped the outburst with a three-run homer.

Ryan Thompson (1-0) pitched one inning for the win.

## MARLINS 1, TWINS 0

MIAMI (AP)—Sandy Alcantara (1-0) pitched the major leagues' first complete game this season, a three-hitter for his fourth career shutout.

The 2022 NL Cy Young Award winner, who pitched six of the big leagues' 36 complete games last season, struck out five and walked one in a game that took 1 hour, 57 minutes, the fastest yet in the first season of the pitch clock. Alcantara threw 68 of 100 pitches for strikes.

Avisaíl García homered in the second off Kenta Maeda (0-1), who returned from Tommy John surgery in his first big league appearance since Aug. 21, 2001. The 34-year-old right-hander left with an apparent arm injury after allowing Jon Berti's leadoff single in the sixth.

## BREWERS 9, METS 0

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Row-



San Diego Padres' Manny Machado reacts alongside home plate umpire Ron Kulpa after being called out on an automatic strike during the first inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in San Diego.

dy Tellez, Brian Anderson and Garrett Mitchell hit consecutive home runs off Max Scherzer (1-1) in the sixth, and Wade Miley earned his 100th win. Milwaukee has outscored the Mets 19-0 in consecutive games.

Anderson and Mitchell also connected for back-to-back homers in the seventh off Brooks Raley. Anderson, who homered Monday, had a two-run double in the first against Scherzer and finished with six RBIs.

Miley (1-0) gave up five hits in six innings, and the Mets were shut out in consecutive games for the first time since June 2021 against Atlanta.

Scherzer allowed five runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings. The only other time the three-time Cy Young Award winner gave up three successive homers came in July 2017 with Washington at Arizona when David Peralta, AJ Pollock and Jake Lamb went deep in the first.

## CUBS 12, REDS 5

CINCINNATI (AP)—Patrick Wisdom doubled twice and had three hits and three RBIs.

Wisdom's two-run single highlighted a six-run seventh inning that overcame a 3-2 deficit. Nico Hoerner doubled off Buck Farmer (0-2) leading off the seventh.

Cody Bellinger went 3 for 5 with an RBI, a day after hitting a three-run homer that ended his 0-for-11 start with the Cubs.

Adbert Alzolay (1-0) won despite allowing pinch-hitter Stuart Fairchild's two-run homer.

## BRAVES 4, CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Dylan Dodd (1-0) won his major league debut, allowing one run and six hits in five innings with three strikeouts and no walks.

Austin Riley hit a two-run homer off Steven Matz (0-1) in the first inning.

Jesse Chavez, Joe Jiménez, Dylan Lee and Kirby Yates combined for three scoreless innings before A.J. Minter worked a perfect ninth for his first save of the season.

## PIRATES 4, RED SOX 1

BOSTON (AP)—Ji Hwan Bae hit his first big league homer and Bryan Reynolds went deep for the third time in two games, a drive off Nick Pivetta (0-1) that put Pittsburgh ahead 3-1 in the third.

Roansy Contreras (1-0) held the Red Sox to three hits over 5 2/3 innings. He retired 13 straight after giving up a run in the first. David Bednar got three outs for his third save.

## BLUE JAYS 4, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Yusei Kikuchi (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in five innings, combining with four relievers on a four-hitter as Toronto stopped a three-game skid.

Whit Merrifield doubled and scored the go-ahead run in his first game back in the city where he spent most of seven seasons before he was traded last August. Matt Chapman was 3 for 4 with a double.

Jordan Romano pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Kris Bubic (0-1) allowed two runs and seven hits in five innings.

## ORIOLES 7, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Ryan Mountcastle hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run second inning and Jorge Mateo hit a two-run drive in the third that chased Andrew Heaney (0-1) from his Texas debut.

Kyle Gibson (2-0) allowed two runs and six hits in seven

innings after his scheduled start got moved up a day,

## TIGERS 6, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON (AP)—Spencer Torkelson tied a career high with three hits, highlighted by a two-run homer in the eighth.

Matt Manning (1-0) yielded six hits with two walks and two runs in 5 2/3 innings in his season debut.

Houston starter Framber Valdez (0-1) allowed eight hits and three runs — two earned — with nine strikeouts in seven innings.

## DODGERS 5, ROCKIES 2

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Will Smith hit a two-run homer and Julio Urías (2-0) tossed six scoreless innings as Los Angeles defeated Colorado.

Jason Heyward homered for the second consecutive game and Max Muncy added a solo shot for the Dodgers, who have gone deep in six straight games. They lead the majors with 13 homers.

Smith got his third RBI of the game with a double that scored Mookie Betts in the eighth for a 5-0 lead. Colorado scored twice in the ninth and had the bases loaded when pinch-hitter Charlie Blackmon grounded out to end it.

Evan Phillips earned his first save of the season.

Germán Márquez (1-1) gave up four runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings.

## ATHLETICS 4, GUARDIANS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Tony Kemp hit a game-ending single in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Oakland a win over Cleveland.

Ryan Noda led off the ninth with a walk against James Karinchak (0-2). Noda advanced to second on a groundout by Esteury Ruiz before Kemp singled him home.

Ruiz and Jace Peterson also drove in runs to help the Athletics snap a six-game home losing streak to Cleveland. Trevor May (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning.

Gabriel Arias homered for the Guardians, who lost for the first time since opening day, snapping a four-game win streak. José Ramírez had an RBI double.

## MARINERS 11, ANGELS 2

SEATTLE (AP)—Teoscar Hernández and AJ Pollock each hit two homers, combining to drive in nine runs as Seattle routed Los Angeles.

Luis Castillo (1-0) turned in a second consecutive strong outing, allowing two hits and striking out six in 5 2/3 shutout innings. Castillo has permitted three hits with 12 strikeouts in 11 2/3 scoreless innings over two starts.

Hernández hit a solo homer in the fourth and a three-run shot in the fifth off Jose Suarez (0-1). It was Hernandez's 15th multi-homer game, and it came after he opened the season 1 for 17.

Pollock's two-run homers off Jaime Barria came in the fifth and seventh, with the second one giving the Mariners an 11-run lead.

The win was Seattle's first in five games. The Angels had their three-game win streak snapped.



# Tsukagoshi wins 5 divisions in badminton tourney

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Out of over 140 participants from the CNMI and Guam in the 50th Tan Holdings Badminton Tournament, Lina Tsukagoshi scooped five divisions through the four day event at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 12-year-old set her eyes at the U15 division and won the girl's singles in two sets against Shaina Malonzo, 21-9, 21-11. Third place went to Shemariah Hicaro.

Tsukagoshi went on to compete in the U15 girls doubles with Guam's Danielle Snaer and defeated Fredericka Herman and Offeia Yordy, 21-19, 21-19. Charmaine Bautista won third place.

She then dominated the U19 women's singles against Teresa Ahn, 21-13, 21-6, with third place going to Shaina Malonzo.

In the U19 women's doubles, the dynamic duo of Tsukagoshi and Snaer dominated and beat Teresa Ahn and Shemariah Hicaro in an exciting and nail-biting two sets, 21-18, 21-20. Abigael Robles and Prapti Mondal claimed third place.

Finally, in the open division, Tsukagoshi linked up with CNMI National Badminton Team player Janelle Pangilinan to defeat Jenilyn Cardinio and Teresa Ahn, 21-15, 21-13. Third place went to Windy Fernandez and Malou Malasarte.

Tsukagoshi also joined the U15 mixed doubles event with Frank Li but fell to second place against Danielle Snaer and Johnson Xia, 14-21, 20-21. Third place went to Charmaine Bautista and Evan Seguritan.

When asked how it felt to win five championships during the tourney, the middle school student-athlete from Saipan International School said, "Going through all the games



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Lina Tsukagoshi, left, won five championships and is seen with doubles partner Shaina Malonzo in the 50th Tan Holdings Badminton Tournament held last Thursday to Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

I played, I felt really confident and excited. This is the first local tournament I played and I feel like I did really [well]. I had some matches I thought [were]

pretty difficult but I managed to successfully win. I would like to thank my best friends, Charmaine, Shaina, and a girl that came from Guam, Dani-

elle. They were really supportive and that just helped me in my games."

She added, "I also want to thank my coaches, coach Janelle, coach Nate, coach

Zeke, and coach Leonard. They all helped me during my matches and helped me get through it. I'm very thankful for them and this opportunity.

## PADDLERS

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behalf of my kids, Jack's family, and myself. I thank MOC and the other club—I thank them for organizing this for my husband. I know my husband means so much to them as well. We are just one family of the water."

Asaivao said this was the first paddle-out he's participated in and he's grateful it's with Kabiriel. When asked how the paddle-out went in the water, he said "just looking at the scene I don't think it could have gotten a better way. It's very rare that you see everyone in the paddling community at least come together like this and for them to do it for Jack was a blessing.

"To Patty and his family—all those who made the trip, thank you guys so much. Jack is forever our brother and we'll cherish him for life," he said.

Manning, who now resides

in San Diego but came back home upon hearing of Kabiriel's passing, said he could not believe it when he first heard that he was gone, but when he confirmed, he knew he had to come back home.

"I felt I had to come back and pay my last respects to Jack. He's like a brother to me. We have a lot of memories, a lot of great stories." He said he is leaving this Friday, but "I felt like as long as I could be here and spend this time with him before we laid him to rest and be with his family—it was something I felt like I had to do."

As for the tribute, he said "you can see just from the turnout that he's very, very loved. It's honestly still hard but I think it's going to take a while for everybody to process. When I gave my speech today, I wanted to focus on how we can use what he taught us moving forward, and how we can kind of live our lives.

versus trying to work on everything," he said.

It's not saying that both CNMI teams didn't try to win their games, Lee clarified that's not the real objective right now.

"Of course the athletes and the coaches are playing to win but it's important to understand the overall objective as well. As mentioned, it's part of the national program and currently in the preseason training phase in which athletes are learning the plays and their teammates given that this is their first



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A canoe with Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel's widow, Patty, second right, and paddlers are seen headed for the paddle-out tribute in his honor at the Killili Beach Tuesday afternoon.

I think that's the best we can do and I think that's how he would want us to do... I know Jack wouldn't want us to grieve for too long. He would want us to kind of move forward and continue living life to the fullest just like he did."

Andrew added that the weather and water conditions for the paddle-out were a little more than they expected, but all in all, the ceremony went well.

Kabiriel was 47 when he succumbed to cancer at the

time to ever play together in an actual game."

Short-term goals always get trumped by long-term plans and Lee said that's exactly what they're trying to achieve with the rejigged CNMI national basketball program.

"To represent our home on the national level we need to have more structure and strategic game plans if we want to be competitive. Starting off by changing our 'culture' on how we train as an athlete. Our coaching staff needs to also adapt to the constant changes and what we have and don't have such as athletes, experience, height, size, training equipment and facilities, higher competition on island, etc., just to name a few. And thanks to UOG,

we are able to have one of those key components to our game plan."

Lastly, Lee thanked everyone who made their trip to Guam possible. "On behalf of NMI Basketball Federation, I want to give a special thanks to University of Guam, UOG athletic director Doug Palmer, and his staff and referees, and the three teams that we competed against—Acdavate, MIBBC, and the Tritons/Trident."

The men's team that saw action in Guam last week include Lucio Aldan, Kristian Tapay, Ervin Villarin, John Kae Raquipo, Keith Santos, Chioni Dela Cruz, T.J. Factor, Nobet Hocog, Coby Santos, Greg Sablan, Jude Sablan, and Eli Garcia. They were coached by Lee himself and Joe Diaz.



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The late Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel's family, including his widow Patty, right, and their sons are seen during the tribute organized by his paddling club the Marianas Outrigger Club at the Killili Beach in Susupe Tuesday afternoon.

Commonwealth Health Center last March 25.

He was a three-time Northern Marianas Sports Association Male Athlete of the Year and represented the CNMI in track and field as well as paddling, triathlon, and volleyball in many regional events

including the Micronesian Games. He is survived by his loving wife Patty and their children Kaden, K.J., Gabby, and Koen. Their nephew, Dennis, is also considered part of the family.

The women's team, meanwhile, was composed of Kaia Travilla, Maddie Alegre, Gabi Race, Marlene Lumabi, Mikki Kautz, Angel Roligat, Destiny Pangelinan, Syl-

vina Simram, Yasmeen Younis, Kina Rangamar, Cassie Camacho, Rae Ramarui, Quina Flores, and Jehnifer Villagomez. They were coached by Cathy Toves and David Apatang.

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Games provided opportunities to have on-hand experience of what the players were practicing on.

"Both our athletes as well as our coaching staff can now take home the experience and continue to work on the improvements that we need. Best part about it is that we have it in film which would allow us to review and concentrate on those specific things we need to work on

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At this point, the D-9ers could not muster a single run and the game ended early as the Cardinals brought in three more runs in the last inning for a blowout 18-0 game.

In the Natives-Braves game last Thursday, the former held on to a 4-1 win.

Both teams were scoreless until the Natives' Ben Leon Guerrero brought in Ankie Guerrero in the third inning.

Juan Tenorio then hit a single

and later stole home after a wild pitch by Braves pitcher Jaydan Tenorio. Jaydan Tenorio then put the next batter on base after he hit him with a pitch, who then proceeded to steal a base.

The next inning wasn't better for the Braves as Austin Benavente hit a lead off single, followed by Cameron Towai. They were then brought in by Keoni Lizama for a two-run inning.

Only one run was made in the sixth inning by Noah Aguon. That was all they wrote for the Braves as they could not produce further.





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## Paddlers host emotional tribute for 'Jack'



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The paddling community huddles up for one last time in honor of the late Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel during his tribute organized by his paddling club the Marianas Outrigger Club Tuesday night at Kilili Beach in Susupe.

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A beautiful and emotional tribute by CNMI paddlers was held for the late multi-sports athlete Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel during the peaceful sunset glow off the canoe-lined waters of Kilili Beach on Tuesday.



The tribute was hosted by Kabiriel's paddling club—the Marianas Outrigger Club—and was attended by his widow, Patty, his sons, family members, friends, and members of the Saipan Paddling Club, Napu Outrigger Club, and the Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club under the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation.

Heartfelt and touching speeches, trips down memory lane, and homage to their friend, teammate, and brother, were made by tight throats and watery eyes of MOC president Tim Asaivao, SPC president Justin Andrew, one of MOC's founding members Dino Manning, and teammate Jose Quan—with the ceremony

emceed by fellow paddler Dr. Bobby Cruz.

Flowers were then given to those in attendance as paddlers and Kabiriel's family made their way to their canoes to perform a paddle-out ceremony a few meters off the beach.

Kabiriel's widow, Patty, told *Saipan Tribune* after the paddle-out that the tribute was beautiful. "I was kind of emotional and crying because when Jack and I used to come down here, I would look out to his team and see him with them... but today, he's not here. I see the boys but Jack is not here."

Patty said she was touched that his teammates did the ceremony for him and thanked them. "Thank you so much on

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## NMIBF: It was another successful trip



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Northern Marianas Islands Basketball Federation president James Lee, right, with coach Joe Diaz and the rest of the Team Marianas squad at last week's 2nd Annual UOG Friendship Games.

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Northern Marianas Islands Basketball Federation president James Lee said the CNMI got what it wanted when it competed last week in Guam in the 2nd Annual UOG Friendship Games.

"It was definitely another successful trip. We've met our two main

objectives which was to provide the much needed experience for our athletes and continue building our relationship with the University of Guam and our brothers and sisters there," he said.

Both the men's and women's teams of the Commonwealth finished its three scrimmages

with 1-2 records, but Lee said the final standings didn't really count as the games were in connection with the continuity of the CNMI's national basketball program.

"We have a year-round national program starting with a tryout period. Then the Top 20 male and 20 females advance to the national program then we go with a three-month

## Cardinals shutdown D-9ers, 18-0

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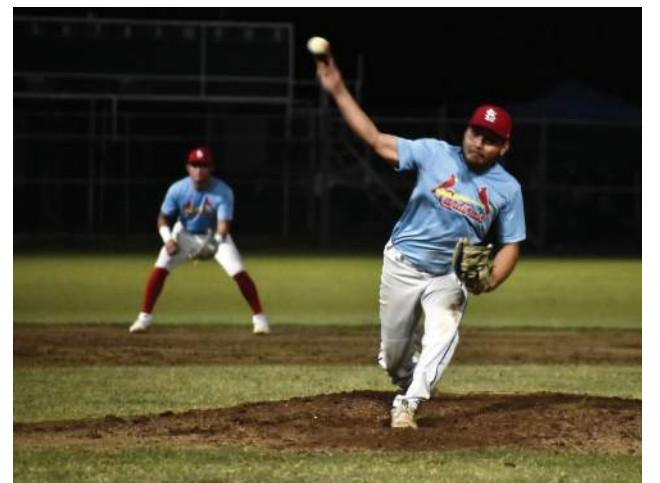


The Cardinals shut down the D-9ers, 18-0, for their second win of the Tan Holdings-Saipan Baseball League 2023 season at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field Tuesday night.

With a powerful lineup of veteran ball players, the Cardinals made light work of the D-9ers from the get-go.

From the first inning, D-9ers pitching and defense were ripped to shreds as four errors allowed the Cardinals to reach base and bring in nine runs.

Only one batter, Isaiah Lizama, got on base off an error in the first for



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Cardinals pitcher Jonah Flores pitches against the D-9ers in their 18-0 win in the Tan Holdings-Saipan Baseball League 2023 season last Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

the D-9ers. But Cardinals pitcher Jonah Flores shook off the jitters and dominated the strike zone through Masaharu's RBI single, followed by another double by Brian Camacho.

Jerald Cabrera was on base again after a single and ran home after a fielding error during Eli Aughenbaugh's at-bat for a five-run inning.

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offseason training which consists of weight and conditioning training, followed by three months of preseason training which

consist of more on-court drills. We are now leading to on-season training which would then be followed by the selection

of the national teams," he added.

The NMIBF president said the UOG Friendship  
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